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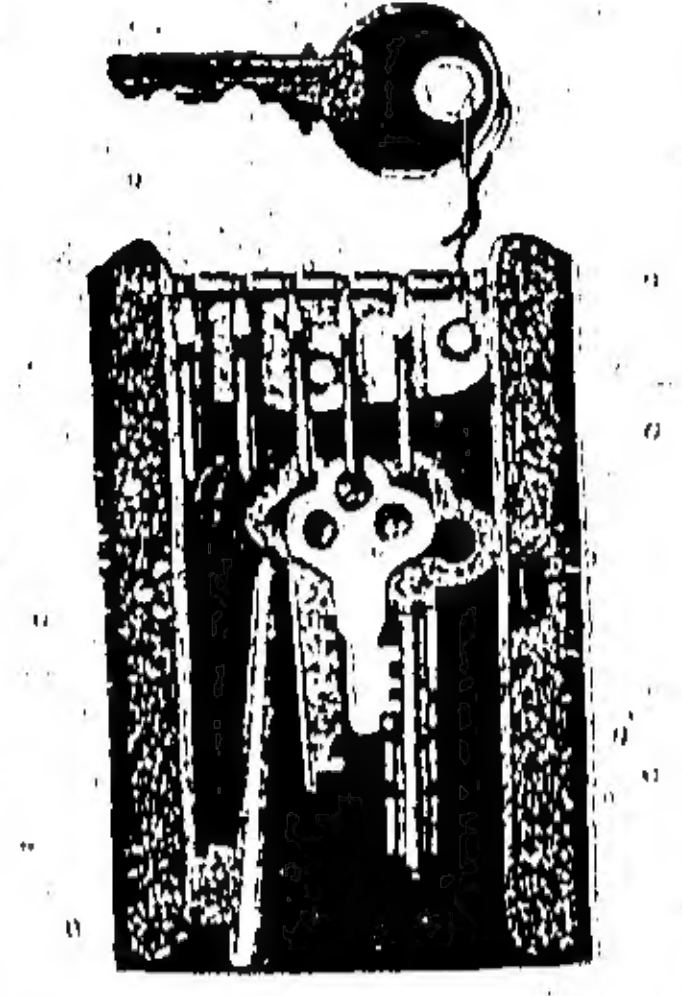
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MR. RAMSAY MAC DONALD ON CHINA.

Confidence in Mr. Miles Lampson's Knowledge and Discretion.

The improved outlook at Hankow and an important statement by the British Labour Leader, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, are features of to-day's China news.

Strikes Not Started.

London, Dec. 6.

In the House of Commons to-day the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. G. L. T. Lockyer, reported that the latest news from Hankow according to a telegram received by the Foreign Office this morning showed very appreciable improvement.

Neither the threatened general nor the customs strikes had materialised. The strike in the Japanese concession had been settled and negotiations for the settlement of the other disputes were proceeding.

The labour situation at the moment was appreciably easier. Unions were being formed daily and demands for increased wages would inevitably follow, but the Consul General at Hankow did not anticipate that they would be of an impossible nature.

Check on Unions.

The Chinese authorities appeared at the moment to be inclined to restrain the unions, and to be endeavouring to secure observance of the concessions' regulations. It was hoped that the naval guards could be withdrawn to-day.

The British Minister, Mr. Miles Lampson, was going to Hankow to examine the situation.

Sir C. Kinloch Cooke, Conservative, asked whether it was really thought it was time to withdraw the naval guards.

Mr. Lockyer Lampson replied that everything possible would be done to protect British lives.

China and the League.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. G. L. T. Lockyer, replying to Sir William Dawson (Conservative), said the Government did not think any useful purpose would at present be served by bringing the existing position in China before the League.

Cries of "Why not?"

Mr. Lockyer added: We must anyhow wait Mr. Miles Lampson's report.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn (Liberal) asked if our representatives did not criticise the Chinese delegate's attempt to raise the question before the League.

Mr. Lockyer Lampson said that it was perfectly true certain inaccurate observations had been made by the Chinese delegate.

Soviets' Influence.

Replying to a suggestion by Commander Oliver, Mr. Lockyer Lampson said that an early opportunity would be given to discuss the Soviets' influence in relation to troubles in China.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, acting as Foreign Secretary in Sir Austen Chamberlain's absence at Geneva, thought that until Mr. Miles Lampson was able to report regarding his investigations and meetings with the various Chinese leaders at Hankow and elsewhere, such a debate was inopportune and prejudicial.

A supplementary question by Mr. Herbert Williams (Conservative) whether Mr. Baldwin thought Mr. Lloyd George's speech was very helpful evoked Ministerial cheers but was not answered.—Reuter.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald

Interviewed.

London, Dec. 6.

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, interviewed, expressed the opinion that the Canton Government had reached a point when Britain could recognise it. He thought the time had come when the Powers ought frankly to recognise that a new China had been born and that whatever influence Russia had at Canton or elsewhere it occupies a very secondary position in the situation we have to face there. We must protect the lives of our people, but this must be done in a way that does not

DANGER OF A SPARK.

Latest News From Hankow.

TRADES UNIONS ACTIVE.

Merchants Threat Against Pickets.

Hankow, Dec. 6.

The general strike has failed to materialise owing to the lack of support from servants and other employees of foreigners generally, the majority of whom profess satisfaction with their conditions.

However intense activity prevails in trades union circles.

Two more unions have been formed—the union of Chinese employees of foreign firms, and the foreigners' servants union.

Following the landing of naval guards demonstrations in the concessions have ceased.

The situation is outwardly quieter, but it is generally recognised that an intense undercurrent of anti-foreignism prevails which a spark might cause to develop into a conflagration.

The Chinese merchants met on Friday and unanimously decided to close down their shops and factories unless picket intimidation was modified, with the immediate result that the political bureau offered to disband 1,000 pickets.

Mischievous Propaganda.

Though heretofore fomenting "anti-imperialism" behind the scenes, the bureau had now for the first time come out in the open, and a meeting is being held to-day of the bureau and union heads to establish a society which will be called "The overthrow of the British" countries.

Further it is proposed to establish an information bureau for the benefit of sympathisers abroad, particularly Kuomintang and other countries.

A new book in catechism form has been issued recently to Cantonese officers and non-commissioned officers, the contents of which must be taught to the troops.

The following are examples of questions and answers from the catechism:—

Who are you?
Soldier: The People's Army fighting for freedom and for the three principles of Sun Yat-sen.

Who are your chief enemies?
Britain and Japan.

Why?
Because they finance and encourage militarists in oppressing the people.

What are your objects?
To recover the concessions and drive out the foreign imperialists and capitalists who exploit the workers.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Foochow, Dec. 6.

The Cantonese troops have not entered Foochow, but the Kuomintang flag has been hoisted, and certain Kuomintang officials have been appointed.

The Northern troops are in retreat, and the city is held by General Li Tseng-chun, commander of the local troops, who is in sympathy with the Kuomintang, and by the navy.

No anti-foreign acts are reported, and no danger is apprehended.—Reuter.

Swatow Strike.

Peking, Dec. 6.

A foreign telegram from Swatow states that employees of all the local American firms have either struck or are threatening to strike.

A message from Foochow says the actual government of the city is now in the hands of students who seized Foochow after rioting on the night of December 3 and morning of December 4, in which they broke into the premises of British and Japanese, presumably searching for members of the late government.—Reuter.

Invasion of Sinkiang.

Peking, Dec. 6.

Chinese reports state that Feng Yu-hsiang forces, with Bolshevik aid, are invading Sinkiang.

This is generally considered true, in view of the fact that Sinkiang is on the border of Russia, and hence Soviet arms and supplies can easily be sent to Feng, whilst the south-western frontier of Sinkiang is next to India, and hence the Bolshevik invasion of Sinkiang would mean a direct menace to India.—Reuter.

"SUNNING'S" RECAPTURE.

CHIEF OFFICER'S THRILLING STORY.

Mr. Lapsley As Interpreter.

PIRATES CONCENTRATE ON THE CAPTAIN.

The hearing of the case against twenty men who, it is alleged, participated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" of November 15, was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared on behalf of the Crown. Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, of Messrs. G. K. Hall, Brutton and Co., defended the 19th accused—a Ningpo man, Mr. Leo d'Almeida defended the second accused whilst Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on behalf of So Tik-sai (the 6th accused) and ten others.

Captain James Pringle, master of the "Sunning," recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Leask, said that he had known the 19th man for twelve years. He was a hard-working carpenter and had worked with witness on three different ships.

Mr. Leask: Is he a man of normal intelligence?—He has a silly manner, but he is a splendid carpenter.

The next witness called was Mr. Tom Parke Beatty, who said that he was Chief Officer on the s.s. "Sunning" which left Amoy for Hong Kong on Nov. 15. Witness was on the bridge until noon. At 3.30 p.m. witness was in his cabin. Hearing a scuffle, he looked out and saw two armed Chinese tackling the Indian guard.

Witness proceeded to arm himself and opening the door of his cabin, was met by an armed Chinese who covered him. Witness was unable to identify any of the first three men who appeared.

Continuing, witness said that at that time he saw the Chief Engineer being forced out of his cabin by a Chinese who was carrying a broken tea pot. The man who had been dealing with the Indian guard then came up. One pirate demanded, and seized witness' revolver. The second engineer then appeared and seemed in a very dazed condition being forced along by two men. "The three of us were then herded together" in my cabin. I invited one of the pirates to accompany me in search of the lady passenger. We went towards the saloon, but the man got very excited and when we reached the ladder he refused to let me go further towards the saloon.

Plans For Recapture.

After dinner I had an opportunity for discussing the situation with the 2nd Officer. At 11.30 the pirates became very restless and we deemed it advisable not to be seen talking together.

Mr. Holmes: Can you identify any of the pirates whom you had seen up to dinner time?—No, 7 is the man who attacked the 2nd Engineer.

Continuing, witness said that before midnight they had come to the conclusion that unless they recaptured the ship before any naval craft appeared, they would be murdered in cold blood. They thought that the fact that a ship of the same company passed and had not received a response to her signal would almost certainly result in Hong Kong being informed that there was something amiss. Witness had had experience on active service and would say that anything unusual, however small, was important.

Mr. Lindsay: Ome ignotum pro magnifico?—Quite.

Passing Chelang Light. When the Chelang Light was expected to become visible, the pirates became more and more restless. They told the master that they would put their own man in charge. The No. 1 pirate was very alarmed and kept on flashing his torch on the master, making it "very awkward for the 2nd Officer who was standing by ready with a piece of lead in accordance with plan. Another pirate appeared and put some glasses on a box in which, earlier in the evening, I had managed to conceal some handcuffs. Through Mr. Lapsley we explained that Chelang Light would not be visible for about half an hour."

Chelang Light was soon seen for the first time. One pirate took witness' glasses, the latter pointing to the light. Mr. Hurst was "edging over all the time." We had planned that he should use the lead in the first instance

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NOTED BOXER HERE.

MR. EGAN ARRIVES IN THE COLONY.

THE MARQUIS RETURNS HOME.

Mr. Egan, the noted British amateur boxing champion, arrived in the Colony this morning on the "Amazon" and is staying at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, who was travelling with Mr. Egan and was expected to pay Hong Kong a visit, has gone home.

Local "fans" will be disappointed at the Boxing Marquis not coming as expected but consolation will be found in the visit of Mr. Egan, who is also well versed in the art.

Mr. J. Brook and other officials of the Hong Kong Boxing Association met the steamer on arrival this morning but no arrangement had been made when the "China Mail" made inquiries from Mr. Brook at 11.15.

Egan is a heavy weight and it is not too much to hope that he will be seen in the local square ring.

The next tournament is on Dec. 21 when the main event is a 16 two-minute-round contest between Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes") and Stoker Howard (H.M.S. "Herald") for the middle-weight championship.

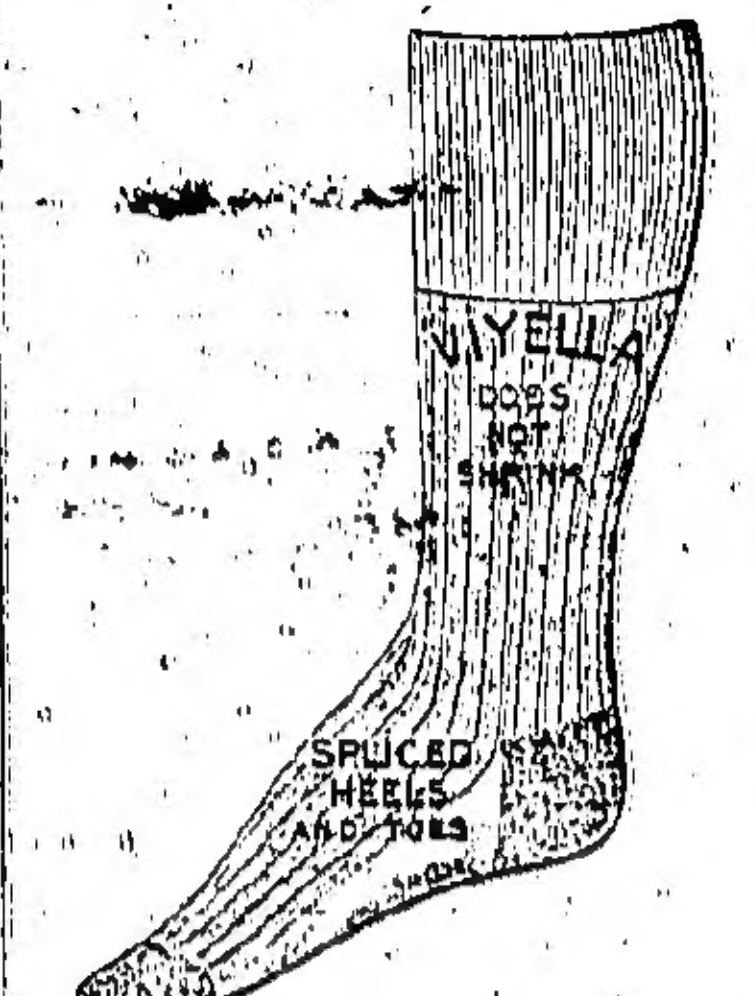
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ROAD TO RUIN.**MR. SILAS STRAWN ON CHINA'S CHAOS.**

New York, November 4.—The "New York Times" Chicago correspondent telegraphs as follows:—

Amplifying his speech of last week before the Chicago Association of Commerce, in which he discussed at length the deplorable conditions now existing in China, Mr. Silas H. Strawn, delegate of the United States to the special conference on Chinese Customs tariffs and Chairman of the International Commission on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in China, addressed tonight a combined meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Clubs of Chicago.

"There is no Chinese or group of Chinese, however strong and well-intentioned they might be, who could withstand the importunities of their lenders, or resist the bayonets of the war lords, if the Customs funds were taken from the control of the foreign Inspector-General and placed in the hands of Chinese officials," he told his hearers.

The Importation of Arms.—For the first time since his return from China Mr. Strawn had something to say concerning the complaint that the foreign Powers furnish the Chinese with arms and munitions, and that thereby the war lords are able to carry on their useless wars. On this point of supplying the Chinese with munitions of war Mr. Strawn gave the foreign Powers a clean bill of health.

He declared that "when importations into China of arms or war material are attempted they are seized by the Customs and confiscated, as contraband; thereupon the dominant war lord seizes the shipment for his use." It would be too big a task, in Mr. Strawn's estimation, for the foreign Powers to police so vast a country as China against the acquisition of war material. "I submit," he said, "the Chinese should do that police duty themselves."

Mr. Strawn told his audience that he went to China under instructions from the Secretary of State to do everything possible to carry out the letter and spirit of the Washington Treaty respecting the Chinese Customs tariffs and the resolution constituting the commission to inquire into extraterritorial jurisdiction in China.

So-called Unequal Treaties.—Discussing China's grievances, more particularly those grouped under the head of "unequal treaties," Mr. Strawn pointed out that "unequal treaties" embrace four general grievances of the Chinese politicians: (1) Foreign Concessions and Settlements; (2) Customs; (3) Customs service and (4) Extraterritoriality.

"Foreign Concessions," Mr. Strawn said, "had their origin in a desire on the part of the Chinese to segregate the foreigners from the Chinese people. The ter-

ritories set aside, particularly at Tientsin and Shanghai, the most important Concessions and Settlements, were swampy, poor lands, but under foreign control they have grown to be the most attractive spots in China. So attractive are they that a very large percentage of the population of the Shanghai Settlement is Chinese.

The Question of Asylum.

"A charge is made that the Concessions and Settlements ought to be retroceded because a wicked Chinese may run in there for asylum. I do not believe any of the Powers would refuse, on a proper demand, to surrender any wicked Chinese who sought asylum in its Concession. It may well be that under the principles of international law, the Powers might refuse to surrender a Chinese citizen who had been unfortunate enough merely to differ politically from his pursuers. For humanity's sake the foreign Powers might well refuse to participate criminally in contributing to the inevitable fate which would befall such an unfortunate Chinese citizen.

"The Chinese politicians desire to have these Concessions retroceded to China. Their retrocession is a political question of which the Extraterritoriality Commission declined to take jurisdiction as not within the scope of the resolution constituting the commission. The foreigners, and I believe, the thoughtful Chinese residing in the foreign Concessions and Settlements, will vigorously oppose any retrocession because they know that these Concessions and Settlements, if returned to the Chinese, would rapidly be disintegrated and destroyed.

Why the Conference Failed.

"The Chinese politicians for many years have complained that they could not revise their Customs tariff without the unanimous consent of all the Powers with whom they had treaties. Had the special

Conference on the Chinese Customs Tariff been carried to a conclusion that criticism would have been entirely removed, because it was the repeatedly expressed intention of the foreign Powers to agree upon a tariff schedule which would give China all of the tariff the traffic would bear.

"The Chinese agitators also complain that the administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs is under a foreign Inspector-General, and they clamour for his dismissal, asserting that the revenue is seized and subverted to the uses of the foreign imperialistic Powers. This assertion has no foundation in fact.

Foreign I. G. the Only Anchor.

"A large part of China's indebtedness is secured by the Customs. They have been able to place loans upon this security because the creditors, both foreign and domestic, had confidence in the stability of the Customs so long as a foreigner was Inspector-General and had control of the funds. Everyone who has made even a casual study of China's financial situation knows that the foreign Inspector-General of Customs is the only anchor between order and absolute financial chaos in China."

MILL STRIKES.**INTIMIDATION OF WORKERS IN SHANGHAI.**

The "N. C. Daily News" of November 28 reports:—

So far there has not been a solution of the strike at the Wei Tung Cotton Mill at 12 Lay Road and the trouble therefore continues. Some 1,481 persons are involved. The strikers attempted to intimidate the workers of the Hou Sang Mill, 22 Lay Road, and partly succeeded because 40 juvenile workers and 60 day shift men failed to put in an appearance on Saturday. The wise counsel of the friends of the later prevailed and they returned to work on blue yesterday. The trouble at the Voh Wah Silk Planture Nos. 1 and 2 factories also continues. Sixty workers returned to their posts unconditionally on Saturday morning and apparently were satisfied with the treatment they were receiving, but 46 of them failed to put in an appearance when the doors were opened yesterday morning. Their absence is attributed to an attack which was made on them in Point Road by other strikers when they were going home from their work on Saturday afternoon. Altogether, 800 workers in this company are affected.

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No airplane voyage since the late Captain Sir John Alcock and Lieut. Brown, of the Royal Air Force, flew across the Atlantic in 1919, has aroused public interest equal to that of Cobham's. The route of his flight to Australia and back carried him over the greatest air routes of the day, and a portion of the Indian Ocean. Cobham's British-made engine made the remarkable journey without ever giving trouble. It is the same engine with which he went from London to Cape Town and back. His machine was without the freezing cold of northern latitudes, required in making the trip.

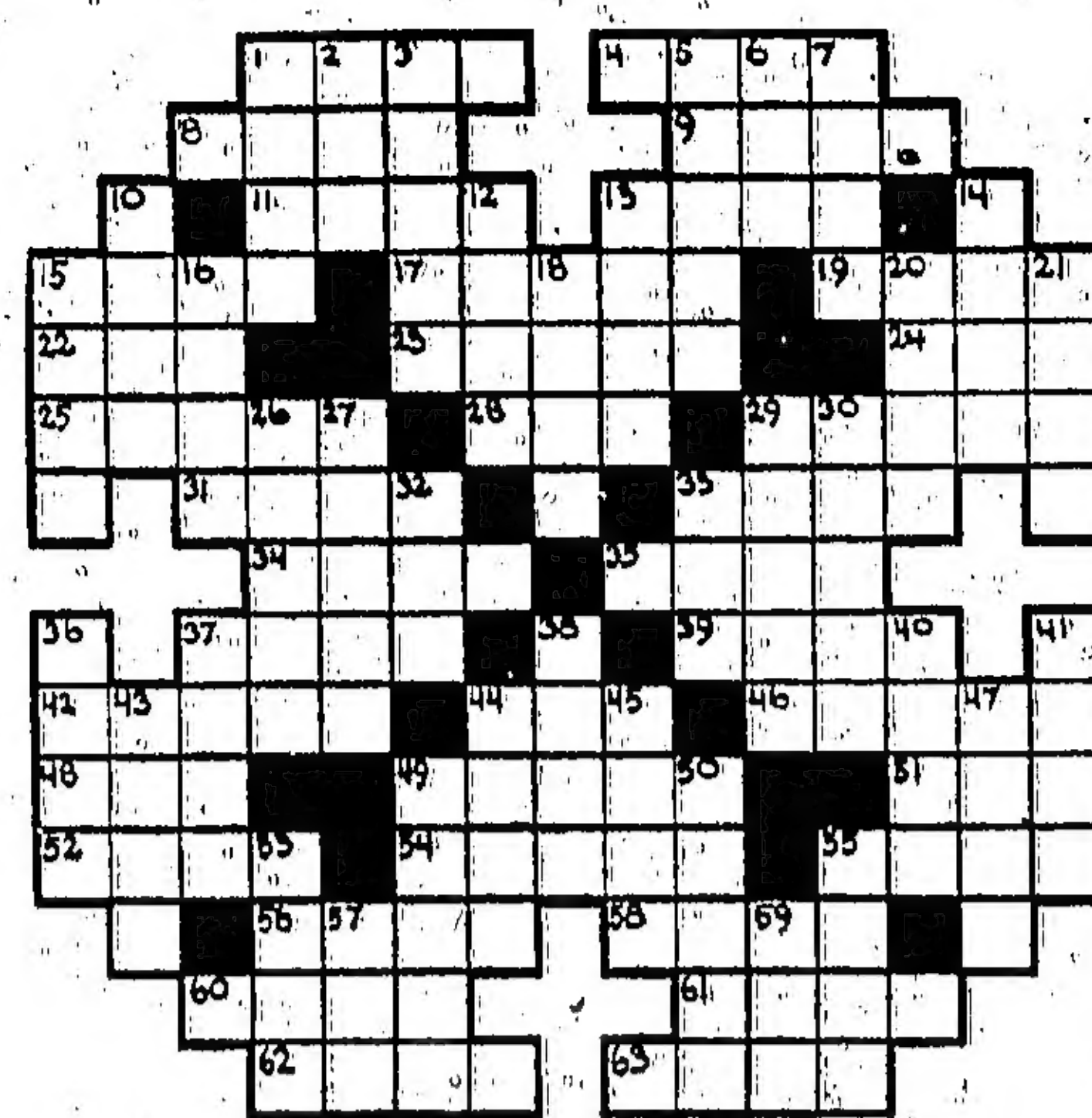
the burning heat of Africa and the drizzling rains of an Indian monsoon. The flight has proved that the seaplane is best for these long journeys. Cobham received a warm welcome at landing points throughout the long journey. The lower photograph was taken at Bartonsville, near Paris, and shows the aviator being greeted by A. V. Clark, managing director of the Canadian Pacific Railway in France.

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Cobham's machine, flying time to Australia and back was 15 days 8 hours, but over three months were required in making the trip.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE

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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Agreement | 48-Pellie | 18-Tumult |
| 4-Mark of wound | 49-Slight upward movement of the shoulders | 20-Was under obligation for |
| 8-A monk's hood | 51-Small French coin | 21-Pause in music |
| 9-Excited with interest | 52-Hark | 22-Material for summer hats |
| 11-Part of a chair | 54-To furnish food | 27-Spirits |
| 13-Strapped | 55-Short act on the stage | 28-Suitor |
| 15-Film on metal caused by corrosion | 56-White with age | 30-Equine quadruped |
| 17-A fragment of cloth | 58-To fasten with loose, as shoes | 32-An excavation |
| 19-Thy | 60-Robe | 33-Short leap |
| 22-Product of a mine | 61-Two-fold | 36-To engrave |
| 23-Hurt | 62-To | 37-Small rug |
| 24-Tiny | 63-Part of a shoe | 38-Army post |
| 25-To avert | VERTICAL | 40-Jail |
| 28-Incline the head | 1-To mail | 41-Closed |
| 29-Sharpen | 2-Reverential fear | 42-To diminish |
| 31-Part of an automobile | 3-A fastening | 43-To burn |
| 34-Destroy | 5-Small piece of pasteboard (pl.) | 45-Rearranged combat between two persons |
| 35-Indigent | 6-Past time | 47-Piece of money |
| 37-Grain antineally germinated by heat | 7-Carcase | 48-Slight |
| 38-Annoyance | 12-Conjunction | 50-Rank |
| 42-Melts | 16-To care for two persons | 53-You |
| 44-Cape in New England | 19-Gown | 55-Animal of Northern waters |
| 46-Attain | 20-Perceive | 57-Plow |
| | | 59-Plow |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1926.—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tytam	30'10" B.	5'8" B.
Tytam Byewash	28'5" B.	8'3" B.
Tytam Intermediate	1' A.	Level
Tytam Tuk	9'11" B.	0'8" B.
Wong Nei Chung	14'4" B.	11'5" B.
Pokfulum	13'4" B.	5'4" B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tytam	174.68	339.12
Tytam Byewash	35	11.75
Tytam Intermediate	202.06	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,251.92	1,406.98
Wong Nei Chung	14.36	17.15
Pokfulum	37.32	64.88

Total 1,880.59 2,024.29

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	258.30	258.89
Estimated Population	305,580	405,900
per day (gallons)	21.0	20.8

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during October 1925 and 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	5'10" B.	0'1" B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	8'1" B.	Level

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	294.48	851.88
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	88.48	100.80

382.96 452.68

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1925	1926
Consumption	74.74	78.64
Estimated population	152,530	157,300
per day (gallons)	16.9	16.1

Full Supply in all districts during October 1925 and 1926.

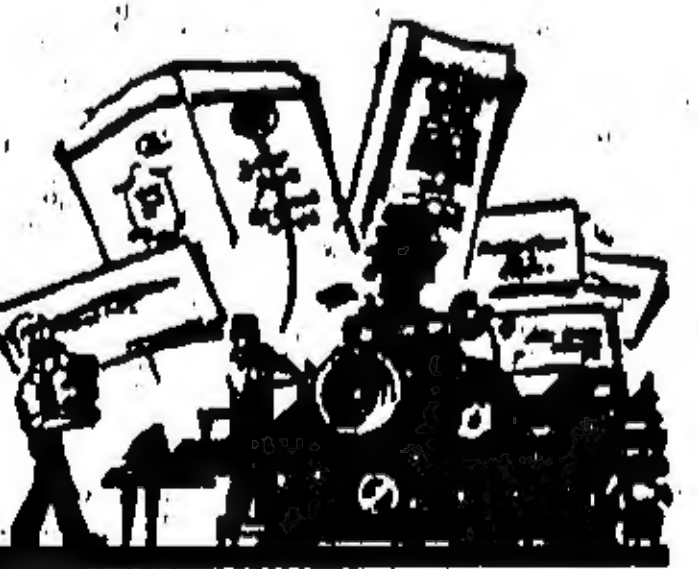
The Government Analysts' reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to October 31, 1925, 85.21; October 31, 1926, 95.34.

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DELTA	8,007	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACEDONIA	12,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	6,853	23rd Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPUR	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,943	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,007	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
NELLORE	6,853	3rd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANUVA	10,902	12th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMAHA	9,128	10th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,943	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles and London

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TALAMBA	8,018	8th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	16th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	20th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKLIWA	7,536	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	6,949	9th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	
TANDA	6,956	3rd June	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, & Yokohama
MALWA	10,943	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	16th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	9,005	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLIWA	7,536	24th Dec.	Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	22nd Dec.	Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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KARMAHA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,943	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

"YANGTZE"	Via Suez Canal.	17th December.
"COLORADO"	Via Suez Canal.	31st December.
"QANFA"	Via Suez Canal.	14th January.
"CYCLOPS"	Via Suez Canal.	28th January.

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RIVER LIGHTS.

COMMANDEERED BY THE
CANTONESE.

Rumours have been rife during
the past few days in Shanghai, re-
garding the condition of up-river
navigation, which is reported to
have been interrupted in numerous
instances. While definite informa-
tion is not obtainable at the pre-
sent time, it has been ascertained
that one of the up-Yangtze light-
ships, whose function it is to safe-
guard navigation at night, has
been presumably commandeered
by Cantonese. The incident is
said to have occurred in the river
below Hankow.

Regardless of the actual events
which are reported to be happen-
ing, however, what appears to have
the solid foundation of fact is that
a part of the Cantonese pro-
gramme includes interruption of
river traffic at night. For obvious
reasons the Southerners are said
to be concentrating on the preven-
tion of night navigation in the re-
gion between Hankow and Kin-
chang, as ships passing at night
cannot be so easily subjected to
their inspection. Another aspect
of the situation is believed to have
a definite bearing on the Maritime
Customs, which, according to re-
ports, the Southerners aim at
absorbing.

A rumour to the effect that two
Chinese revenue cruisers were to
leave Shanghai on November 24
upon orders from Peking could not
be confirmed as the two in question
are reported to be on surveying
duty near Shanghai. That the
other cruiser in dock was also
to leave likewise could not be
affirmed. It was said that a
strike in the Yangtze among
the lightkeepers in sympathy with
the "Reds" had made an emergency
imminent, and for this reason
cruisers would be needed to keep
the dangerous stretches of the river
alight for river traffic.—"N.C.
Daily News."

KIEL CANAL.

According to a report received by
the Department of Overseas Trade
from H.M. Consul-General at Ham-
burg, shipping traffic through the
Kiel Canal was again remarkably
brisk, the net registered tonnage in
August showing an increase of
156,220 tons net compared with
July. The figures were as fol-
lows:—

Vessels	Tonnage
August, 1926	4,816, 2,077,889
July, 1926	4,804, 1,861,669
August, 1925	4,261, 1,451,080

Of the total of 4,816 vessels, 2,619
were registered as sea-going
steamers, with an aggregate ton-
nage of 1,826,701 tons, made up as
follows: 2,448 freight and passen-
ger steamers of 1,815,731 tons, 1
fishing steamer of 101 tons, and 172
steam tugs of 7,869 tons. In addi-
tion there were 1,625 sailing ves-
sels of 75,009 tons, and 221 lighters
and barges of 64,391 tons.

The German proportion of the
total traffic was 67.40 per cent.
of the number of vessels, and 98.06
per cent. of the tonnage. The ves-
sels were loaded as follows: 121 with
passengers, 401 with coal, 91 with
stone, 49 with iron, 516 with timber,
423 with grain, 17 with cattle, 674
with ore and other bulk goods 432
with piece goods, 52 with general
cargo, and 1,640 (80 per cent.)
empty or in ballast. There was an
increase in the coal cargoes and
vessels carrying passengers, but
timber and grain cargoes declined.

A REVIVAL AT FALMOUTH.

Remarkable developments are
taking place at Falmouth in the
way of equipment for shipbuilding.
It is repairing and reconditioning
rather than actual shipbuilding that
is causing this revival of an ancient
industry in an old-world town. Of
late years the habit has grown of
sending quite big liners to Fal-
mouth for overhaul, and now ex-
tensions are taking place to enable
the yards to cope with the renaiss-
sance. So important is the revival
that the company concerned has
been obliged to embark on an am-
bitious housing scheme for its
workers and their families. Most
people know Falmouth as one of
the most beautiful harbours in the
world, and remember its gracious
greenery as viewed from home-
coming vessels after a long sea
voyage. Holiday-makers know its
esplanade and gardens, and recall
the fine lines of the old "Cutty
Sark" now at anchor in the estuary,
after all her deep-sea voyaging. But
Falmouth seems destined to regain
its old prestige in the world of sea-
farers. Time was, of course, when
another picturesque West Country
port, Dartmouth, was what Liver-
pool and Southampton now are.

Coming to Hong Kong from Hal-
phong (Dec. 2), via Fort Bayard
(Dec. 5), the "Taming" reported
strong monsoon, rough sea, dull
and overcast.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Mr. A. H. Lake, second
officer, "Kwangtung," has gone
second officer, "Teau."
Mr. R. K. Stott, second officer,
"Teau," has been second officer,
"Kwangtung."

Captain A. J. White, of the
"Changsha," is on Home leave.
Captain A. von Winkler, of the
"Chungking," has gone master,
"Changsha."

Captain E. Monkman, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Chung-
king."

Captain W. Lumsden, from Home
leave, has gone master, "Soochow."
Mr. J. W. Lamont, acting master,
"Soochow," has gone chief officer,
same ship.

Mr. E. M. Swan, chief officer,
"Soochow," is on reserve.

Mr. C. S. Murray, second en-
gineer, "Wenchow," is on reserve.

Mr. C. L. Tilburn, from Home
leave, has gone second engineer,
"Wenchow."

Mr. W. J. McCarthy, from re-
serve, has gone chief engineer,
"Taming."

Mr. W. S. Smith, acting second
engineer, "Chinhua," has gone act-
ing second engineer, "Klungchow."

Mr. G. Cormack, chief engineer,
"Sunning," is on reserve.

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, from reserve,
has gone acting chief engineer,
"Sunning."

Mr. J. G. Campbell, chief en-
gineer, "Kwangtung," is on reserve.

Captain F. Rowell, from Home
leave, has gone master, "Pingwo."

Captain C. M. Cater, of the
"Pingwo," is on reserve.

Captain G. E. Vaughan, of the
"Chakung," is on reserve.

Captain A. Dockwray, of the
"Waishing," has gone master,
"Chakung."

Captain J. S. Mason, of the
"Yatshing," is on reserve.

Captain C. A. Robertson, of the
"Kwongshing," has gone master,
"Yatshing."

Mr. L. M. McWilliams, from re-
serve, has gone chief engineer,
"Kutwo."

Mr. J. S. Black, chief engineer,
"Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. W. L. Donald, has been ap-
pointed supply third engineer,
"Lienhsing."

Mr. W. Crumble, from Home
leave, has gone chief engineer,
"Luenho."

Mr. A. Livingston, chief en-
gineer, "Luenho," is on reserve.

Mr. H. L. Lee, from reserve, has
gone supply third engineer,
"Loongwo."

Mr. J. A. Thom, supply third en-
gineer, Loongwo, has gone third
engineer, "Pingwo."

Mr. A. McNab, third engineer,
"Pingwo," has gone acting second
engineer, same ship.

Mr. A. McNay, second engineer,
"Pingwo," has gone acting chief
engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. S. Holmes, chief engineer,
"Pingwo," is on reserve.

Mr. R. A. Black, from reserve,
has gone chief engineer, "Kochow."

Mr. H. W. Smythe, from reserve,
has gone chief engineer, "Sutai."

Mr. W. A. McLean, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, "Lok
Sun."

Mr. D. G. Will, second engineer,
"Lok Sun," is on reserve.

Mr. H. Edmondson, chief en-
gineer, "Haiching," is on reserve.

Mr. E. J. McCormick, chief en-
gineer, "Haiching," has gone chief
engineer, "Haiching."

Mr. T. W. Spence has been ap-
pointed chief engineer, "Lok Sun."

Mr. W. Lee, second officer,
"Apoy," has gone chief officer,
"Telemachus."

Mr. C. Boyce, chief officer,
"Telemachus," is on reserve.

Mr. H. McKennedy, chief officer,
"Sistan," is on Home leave.

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Mr. A. C. Tait, third officer,
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ficer, same ship.
Mr. W. Porritt, second officer,
"Haiching," has gone chief officer,
"Hydranga."
Mr. R. Perry, third officer,
"Haiching," has gone second officer,
same ship.
Mr. T. A. Nicholas, chief officer,
"Hydranga," has gone chief officer,
"Derwent."
Mr. E. P. Smith, chief officer,
"Derwent," is on reserve.
Mr. J. T. Copeland, second officer,
"Derwent," is on reserve.

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be obtained.

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the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undeliv-
ered after 13th December, 1926, will
be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before 20th December,
1926, or they will not be recog-
nized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesday or Friday, at 10.30 a.m.
within the Free Storage period of
One Week.

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SADO MARU Saturday, 11th December.
YAMAGATA MARU Saturday, 18th December.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
KWAYO MARU Thursday, 9th December.

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AKI MARU Saturday, 18th December.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD AND CHINA.

When the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was asked in the House of Commons yesterday if he thought the speech made by Mr. Lloyd George at Bradford about China could be called helpful, the question was greeted with Ministerial cheers. But no answer was given—presumably because no polite answer could be given. Mr. Lloyd George's speech has already been severely criticised by the Home Press—even the Liberal organ, the "Daily News" took him to task—and now, according to this afternoon's cables, it has been finally demolished by Lord Birkenhead, who describes it as "wholly irresponsible, inaccurate and mischievous to the fundamental interests of which Mr. Lloyd George, with every other statesman in England, ought to be the responsible guardian." Contrast with the nonsense talked by Mr. Lloyd George at Bradford, is the statement made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Labour leader, in the course of an interview yesterday. Mr. MacDonald advocated that Britain recognize the Nationalist Government. He urged the Powers to recognize, frankly that a new China has been born, and that, whatever influence Russia may have at Canton or elsewhere, it occupies a very secondary position in the situation we have to face. Mr. MacDonald agreed that we must protect the lives of our people, but said that, while preparing for defence, we must be equally active in striving to settle the disputed treaty subjects with the Nationalist Government. These are sensible views. The Nationalist Government, responsible observers are agreed, is now entitled to recognition, and such a gesture as that on Britain's part would go a long way to restoring cordial Chinese feeling towards our Government. Mr. MacDonald was right in asserting that a new China has been born. He was right in urging the Powers not to be blinded by the thought of Russian influence. That influence exists at Canton and elsewhere, as Mr. MacDonald tacitly admitted, but it should not prevent us from

dealing with the Nationalist Government, since as Mr. MacDonald points out, it occupies only a very secondary position in the situation we have to face. Coming from Mr. MacDonald as the head of British Labour and the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, these views are welcome, especially after the harmful utterances of Mr. Lloyd George. But still more helpful are Mr. MacDonald's references to the new British Minister to China. That Mr. MacDonald should express the greatest confidence in Mr. Miles Lampson's knowledge of China and his discretion, and should proclaim him the man of the hour, was not merely a graceful gesture in itself but was also the act of a statesman, since it greatly strengthens the position of the new Minister at a time when he needs all the support he can receive from Home and all the goodwill he can command in China. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has at once taught Mr. Lloyd George a lesson in political honesty and has done a service to two great nations.

Belgium and China.

There is a prospect of the differences between Belgium and China over the cancellation of the Treaty re-creating into the background until June of next year. Meanwhile it is a good sign that the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations apparently wishes to bring the matter before the League Council. This is an eminently wise course, and is much more likely to impress the outside world than merely tearing up the Treaty and stubbornly refusing to refer the subject either to the Hague Tribunal or the League Council. In view of the probable change of attitude on the part of the Chinese, the Belgian Foreign Minister is nothing if not politic in declining to risk embittering the dispute by polemics in the Press. Curiously enough, the controversy seems to have taken a new turn by the arrival at Geneva of a delegate representing the Kuomintang, who talks of pressing "for the abolition of all unequal Treaties, including that with Belgium, if recognition is forthcoming for the Canton Government. Thus we have at Geneva one delegate officially representing China, having been vested with powers by Peking; and another delegate "watching" affairs in Geneva on behalf of the Kuomintang. Both desire the abolition of all existing Treaties, and, apparently, both are ready to acknowledge the League as an intermediary between the rival Chinese factions and the various Powers. The position is full of possibilities. If, however, there is no hope of the question at issue with Belgium coming before the Council till June, much may happen in China itself in the interval to assist the League Council in its deliberations.

FULL COURT.

APPEAL CASE JUDGMENT
RESERVED.

At the conclusion of the Full Court case in which the Wing On Company appeals against the decision of Mr. Justice Wood as to the liability of a wife's goods for distraint in the case of rent overdue, the Chief Justice (Sir H. C. Gollan) intimated that judgment would be reserved. He thanked Mr. Eldon Pott, K.C. for the time and trouble he had taken in preparing his argument for the appellants and added that all the considerations were now before the Court.

HERE TO-MORROW.

CARINTHIA'S 2ND WORLD
CRUISE.

OVER 400 TOURISTS.

Over 400 world tourists are due to arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow by the Cunard liner "Carinthia," which left New York on October 14 on her second 35,000 miles cruise round the world.

In addition to conducted tours of the places of interest in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories, the tourists will be given the opportunity of following their own inclination on certain days. Thursday has been reserved for a visit to Canton by the s.s. "Tah-shan." The "Carinthia" leaves on Friday evening.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, Superintendent of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., who is in charge of arrangements here and for the trip to Peking, left Hong Kong in November to make arrangements for the reception of the party at Chin-wang-tao, Shanghai not being visited this cruise.

It will be remembered that the "Carinthia" passengers last year were the only tourists who got through to Peking at the time of the Fengtien troubles. Embodying in her construction the latest devices which make for safe navigation and personal comfort on the high seas, the "Carinthia" is specially fitted for world cruising and her public rooms and staterooms not only typify the latest and most distinctive innovations in ship architecture but are also unusually wide and commodious.

Five thousand square feet of the ship's space has been taken up by a magnificent sports arena consisting of swimming pool, gymnasium, electric bath, squash racket court, whilst in the open a magnificent sun deck gives every facility for deck tennis and other games. Provision has also been made for an open-air swimming bath.

OPIUM RAID.

WATER EMPTIED OVER
SEARCHERS.

ESCAPING MAN INJURED.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt and a party of Chinese detectives raided No. 34 Spring Garden Lane yesterday afternoon, where a number of Chinese were found holding opium.

S. R. O. Watt entered the upper storey of the house by means of a ladder, but when the inmates heard sounds of his approach, they emptied the contents of a number of fire water buckets on the heads of the searchers. This delayed operations for a short while, but Mr. Watt's plans were thorough, a cordon of detectives having been previously placed around the house.

One man sustained severe injuries as a result of jumping off a verandah and is now in hospital. The other was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning. The Magistrate, learning that the defendant had two previous convictions, sent him to jail for five months with hard labour.

HO FOOK CUP.

RAILWAY AMBULANCE MEN
COMPETE.

FIRST AID TESTS.

Selected squads from the Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade participated in the annual competition for the Ho Fook Cup yesterday afternoon on the Kowloon Football Club ground. The numerous items of first aid work were carried out under the supervision of officials of the Kowloon Canton Railway and were very smartly executed.

The treatment of three cases of arterial hemorrhage from various parts of the anatomy with the patient removed from the scene of "accident" were included in the tests, also treatment for varicose veins, fracture of the skull, the triangular bandaging of angular parts and artificial respiration.

The judges were Mr. E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, District Surgeon, Major Lynch, R.A.M.C., and Dr. Newton, all of whom expressed themselves highly pleased with the efficiency of the competitors.

The possible points obtainable were 120. The results were—

No. 2 Squad won the cup with 108 points. The members of this squad are: Long Yat-chiu, Li Wai-man, Pun Chi-fan, and S. de Loberson.

No. 3 Squad came second with 100 points. The members are: Lo Wa-yin, Lau Kau, Chen Pak-ling and Chan Yuk.

No. 1 Squad was third with 75 points. The members are: Tsung Lai-sai, U Po-in, Tsung Chung and Pak Cho.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

(Continued from page 1.)

In order to do away with any alarm. As soon as the light could be seen with the naked eye, I sang out "Chelang Light" and leant over the side, two of the pirates doing the same. A third man came up the ladder, but Mr. Hurst, on his own initiative, grasped the opportunity and smote with the lead. One was knocked out with the first blow, but the second was only partially stunned. The 3rd pirate opened fire, but missed. I got hold of a revolver—I do not know from where—and fired. The weapon jammed. I then got hold of a rifle and fired at the 3rd pirate who fell motionless at my feet, down the ladder. He was subsequently found burned to death.

Case proceeding.

Yesterday's Hearing.
Captain James Pringle, of the s.s. "Sunning" made his third appearance in the witness box at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. R. E. Lindell resumed the hearing of the case.

Continuing his story, Captain Pringle said that the heat of the fire when the ship was set ablaze became so intense, that they had to slide down ropes to the main deck. Witness mustered the crew together in order to pass a chair of buckets in an endeavour to put out the fire. They battled with the flames until 7 a.m. with H.M.S. "Bluebell" arrived.

The s.s. "Suiyang" arrived at 3 p.m. She tried to tow the "Sunning" to Hong Kong, but the rope broke. At 11 p.m. the Taikoo tug arrived and succeeded in getting the "Sunning" under way.

Police Take Charge.

When the "Sunning" arrived in Hong Kong the police immediately took charge of everything. Questioned as to any personal injuries sustained, witness said that he received several burns, some of which, however, may have been caused when firing rockets. Witness lost personal property to the value of \$2,500 through the fire.

Witness then proceeded to identify one by one each of the prisoners, informing the court the part each man, to the best of recollection, had played during the night of Nov. 16.

Cross-Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that the s.s. "Sunning" was subject to the piracy regulations. Witness was fully acquainted with the regulations, and in pursuance of these regulations, armed guards were carried on board. Two of these guards were always on duty.

Continuing, witness said that he was not armed when the pirates arrived in his cabin. He had just got up and was going to have some tea.

Mr. d'Almada: Take a good look at No. 2, please. Was he one of the first three who came into your cabin?—No. He was not one of the three who first appeared on the scene. Except that I well remember his face, I can say no more.

Mr. d'Almada: It is quite possible that he might have been a bona fide passenger?—It is possible.

Mr. Lo: I do not purpose cross-examining as though your Worship had jurisdiction in a case like this. I propose only questioning this witness with a view to settling the question as to whether or not there is a prima facie case to answer.

In reply to Mr. Lo, Captain Pringle said that he could not state which of the defendants he identified at the first identification parade.

Mr. Lo: When did you first identify No. 6?—After assistance arrived I said to the Chief Officer: "There's the man that did me a good turn."

Mr. Lo: You do not know why he was placed under arrest?—No.

The hearing was then adjourned until 10.45 a.m. to-day.

ALL-WHITES.

NEW COATS FOR EMPRESS
LINERS.

PRE-WAR EFFECTS.

Residents of the Colony and the Far East who remember the "all white" effect adopted before the war in regard to "Empress" liners will be interested to hear that it has been decided to revert to the former practice.

The "Empress of Asia" went into dock at Kowloon this afternoon for the purpose of being re-painted. It is understood that the "Empress of Canada" will go to Talkoo in due course for the same purpose and that the "Empress of Russia" will go to Kowloon Dock.

The re-coating will probably take the best part of a month.

PO HING FONG ECHO.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER
5 HOUSES.

FATAL COLLAPSE SEQUEL.

As a sequel to the fatal landslide and subsequent collapse of a row of Chinese tenement houses at Po Hing Fong in the summer of 1925, the Government has now come to a decision regarding the damaged property.

Over seventy lives were lost that morning when a retaining wall gave way—after heavy rain—and a great quantity of earth and rock swept down on to a row of houses occupied by well-to-do Chinese.

Among those who perished was Mr. Chau Siu-ki, formerly a member of the Legislative Council.

Sixth Not Resumed.

Six houses were destroyed by the landslide. Negotiations were entered into between the Government and the owners, the latter asking for compensation for rebuilding.

The land on which five of these houses previously stood has been resumed by the Government on payment of \$100,000. The owners of the sixth house (of the Chau family) prefer to retain the ground and, it is understood, to rebuild themselves.

Mr. T. N. Chan, the barrister, (who is a son of the late Mr. Chau Siu-ki) and who was injured in the collapse, was instrumental in making the arrangements for the owners with the Government.

WORLD CYCLISTS.

SCOUTS ATTACKED IN
HARBIN.

VISIT TO HONG KONG.

After having been on their travels since June 14, 1925, two "round-the-world" cyclists arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday on the "Atsuta Maru" from Shanghai, their starting point having been Riga in the Baltic Sea.

Both are young men. Their names are Julius Peter Vilnits, Latvian Scouts Central Organisation, Adjutant, Rover Scouts, Riga (a native of Latvia); and Evangelis Moleas, 3rd Greek troop of Rover Scouts, Greece (a native of Greece).

Both men are ardent Scouts. They are correspondents for "Skauti," an official Scout publication, and for the "Blue Diamond Magazine" of Shanghai.

Vilnits started out with another companion who left him, and Moleas joined him later.

They have passed through a good many countries and were in North China for a time.

Notable Well-Wishers.

In Harbin, Moleas was attacked by Red Russians who, he alleges, are very antagonistic to Boy Scouts. He bears a scar wound as testimony of his attack.

Printed folders are sold as the sole means of support.

The cyclists hold written good wishes from Viscount Gobo, head of the Japanese Scouts, from General Chang Hsueh-liang (son of Chang Tso-lin) and General Chu Yu-pu (Tupan of Chihli).

In Shanghai, they were received by Mr. J. P. Jones, Assistant Commissioner, a former Hong Kong resident.

It is the intention of the cyclists to visit Macao and Canton and they will be leaving for the South in the middle of this month.

BIRCH FOR YOUTH.

SNATCHED GIRL'S WRIST
WATCH.

That's no excuse for snatching a watch from a girl. If you do it again you will have a long term of imprisonment. As it is, you will be detained for forty-eight hours and receiving stroke with the birch," said Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a youth charged with snatching a silver wrist watch from the arm of a Chinese girl. The incident occurred at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, and the defendant was in the act of pledging the watch at a pawnbroker's shop at Hung Hom when arrested shortly after 7.00 p.m.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for the South Coast of China between Hong Kong and the Lamtocks, and between Hong Kong and Gap Rock is: N. to N.E. winds, freshening; fine cooler.

At 11.38 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased considerably over central and N. China and slightly from Shanghai to the Philippines and over S. China.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29, temperature 63; humidity 89; weather overcast.

MACAO'S GOVERNOR.

WELCOMED-ON ARRIVAL
TO-DAY.

GOVT. HOUSE LUNCHEON.

Of a commanding presence, and engaging address, the new Governor of Macao, who is no stranger to the Portuguese colony, (he previously administered it and two of his brothers were born there), Senhor Arthur Tamagnini Barbosa, accompanied by Mme. and Mlle. Barbosa and four young sons arrived from Lisbon by the M.M. str. "Amazona" this morning. Capt. Steele, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, called on board on behalf of Sir Cecil Clementi to welcome "Senhor Barbosa and family to Hong Kong and to extend the hospitality of Government House to the distinguished guests.

The visitors' stay in Hong Kong will be of short duration, their departure being fixed for early tomorrow morning. While here His Excellency and the members of his suite are staying at the Hong Kong Hotel, but at noon they were the guests of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi at luncheon at Government House.

Among the early arrivals on board to receive the new Governor this morning was Senhor A. Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, consul-general for Portugal in Hong Kong, with whom were Mme. and Mlle. Albuquerque. The members of the Governor's staff, accompanying him to Macao, and who arrived by the same steamer this morning are: Capt. Frederico Tamagnini Barbosa, a younger brother of His Excellency's A.D.C.; Mr. "Bito Fofares" who has held office at Macao before; Private Secretary; Dr. Pereira Magalhães, Colonial Secretary; Major Pinto da Fonseca, chief of staff, accompanied by Mrs. da Fonseca; Major José Vieira, Garrison Commander; Lieut. Bento de Abreu, A.D.C. (with Lieut. Abreu and Mrs. Abreu and child).

Deputation From Macao.
A representative deputation from Macao came over yesterday to welcome Senhor Barbosa to the Portuguese colony. Those receiving the Governor on board this morning were: Commander Ivans Fozz, of the cruiser "República"; Senior Naval Officer, representing the acting Governor of Macao (Admiral Hugo de Lacerda); Commander Inso, of the gunboat "Patria" now in harbour; Dr. Felix Horta, Consul-General for Portugal at Canton; Dr. Pinheiro da Costa, Chief Justice, Macao; Dr. Horacio de Carvalho, Registrar General; Mr. Pedro Nolasco, Secretary for Chinese Affairs; Lieut. Ray da Camara, of the Macao Artillery; Mr. Vizeu Pinheiro, secretary, Macao Harbour Works; Dr. Pedro Lobato, Mr. Carlos Cabral, of the Chinese Maritime Customs and a personal friend of the Governor; Miss da Costa Nunes, sister of the Bishop of Macao; Commandador Lu Lim-loc and several officers of the Portuguese gunboat "Patria".

Members of the Portuguese community in Hong Kong who called on the Governor of Macao on board the French mail-steamers this morning were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. A. P. Silva-Netto, representing the Club Lusitano; Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, representing the Club de Recreio; Mr. Jose M. Pereira, an intimate friend of Senhor Barbosa; Mr. F. P. de V. Soares; Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva; Mr. Pedro da Silva and Mr. J. P. Braga.

Senhor Mme. and Mlle. Barbosa and party were the guests of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi at luncheon at Government House to-day. In the afternoon they will attend an informal tea-party at the residence of Senhor and Mme. Albuquerque at the Peak.

Arrangements had been made by the Committee of the Club Lusitano to hold a reception at the Club in honour of the new Governor tomorrow afternoon; but in view of the fact, ascertained since His Excellency's arrival this morning, that Senhor Barbosa expects to be at Macao by two o'clock on Wednesday, the reception arranged locally had regretfully to be abandoned.

Senhor Barbosa and family, accompanied by the members of his staff, are leaving for Macao on board the Portuguese gunboat "Patria" at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and are due to arrive at their destination at 2 p.m. A thoroughly representative committee are organising a suitable and enthusiastic reception for the new Governor upon his arrival to take over, for the second time, the reins of government of the Portuguese Colony.

"Good gracious! Gardenias for medicine? I thought they were only used for button holes," said Mr. R. E. Lindell to a Chinese charged this morning with picking gardenias from the hill side. Div. Insp. P. Grant proved a previous conviction, and his Worship imposed a fine of \$25 or one month.

COAL DEBATE.

LABOUR'S VOTE OF
CENSURE.

LIBERAL OPPOSITION.

Rugby, Dec. 6.

The coal dispute will be debated for the last time in the House of Commons on Wednesday, when a vote of censure on the Government will be moved by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labour Party.

The motion, which also demands nationalisation and reorganisation of the mining industry, will, it is expected, be resisted by the Liberals, and an amendment has already been tabled by some Conservatives deprecating discussion calculated to keep alive animosities created during the stoppage.

This debate promises to be the most interesting feature of the current week in parliament, which will probably be prorogued to Thursday week. Then new session will not open until about the second week in February.—British Wireless Service.

WINTER'S GRIP.

NEW YORK'S RECORD SNOW
FALL.

SHIPS HELD IN ICE.

New York, Dec. 6.

Awakened by the sound of snow scrapers, the inhabitants found the city buried in seven inches of snow, following the heaviest December snowstorm for forty years. There is intense cold and high winds, especially further north, where the snow is fifteen inches deep.

Snowdrifts completely held up traffic in the western part of the State.

Ten thousand men are scraping New York streets in twelve hour shifts.

There is much destitution. A thousand people sheltered in lodging houses last night, of whom 200 were destitute women.—Reuters' American Service.

Great Lakes Blockade.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 6.

A temperature of twelve degrees below zero has resulted in 125 Great Lakes steamers, carrying grain and coal valued at \$50,000,000 being locked in the greatest ice blockade in memory, threatening imprisonment for the whole winter, despite desperate efforts by a giant ice-breaker, aided by every available tug.—Reuters' American Service.

REPARATIONS.

Rugby, Dec. 6.

The report of the Agent General for Reparations says the payments for the second year's working of the Dawes plan ended August 31, shows Germany has loyally discharged her full obligations during the year, and by agreement between the German Government and the Reparations Commission the troublesome question of supplementary contributions has been settled in a way that greatly contributes to the smooth working of the plan.

The second annuity year called for payment by Germany of a total annuity of 1,220,000,000 gold marks, or slightly less than one half of the full standard annuity.—British Wireless Service.

MEXICO'S OIL LAWS.

Mexico City, Dec. 6.

It is learned that representatives of the British oil companies have expressed their willingness to accept the new petroleum laws if the government will agree to the following terms: the unrestricted acceptance of British titles of ownership acquired before 1917, the reduction of the cash deposit demanded as a guarantee for drilling works in lands whose titles are not in proper shape, the reduction of the five per cent. royalty demanded from oil production lands acquired before 1917, and finally tolerance in applying the labour law regarding the percentage of foreign employees to be allowed the companies.—Reuters' American Service.

TICKLING THROAT.

DID you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be dislodged, but tickles and tickles until it sometimes almost strangles? Just a few sips of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed very slowly and allowed to glide down the throat, will stop that tickle and at once give you immense relief. Try it that way too for hoarseness, bronchitis and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

MR. A. J. COOK.

"HYSTERICAL SLAVE OF
MOSCOW."

RECORD LAID BARE.

"A Moscow pantomime artist" was the description applied to Mr. A. J. Cook, the miners' secretary, by Lord Birkenhead, the Secretary for India, at the annual dinner of the Engineers' Club at the Carlton Hotel, Pall Mall, S.W.

It is important (he said) to analyse after an unexampled period of industrial distress the causes which have produced the crisis, which has incidentally cost the nation about £250,000,000, which has withdrawn from us the dawn-hope of an industrial resettlement, and which, up to the present, has nothing to put to its credit—or shall I say to its discredit—than that it has bankrupted the funds of all the trade unions.

The basic industry of all the coal industry has withdrawn its contribution to the public service. Has it withdrawn that contribution in reliance upon considerations which are relevant to the prosperity of that industry? Has this withdrawal taken place in reliance upon the conditions of British workmen engaged in a British trade? In other words, have the shifting figures in this great industrial melodrama been English at all? "A Plague Centre."

There is only one answer to the pregnant question which I have proposed to you, and it is much better that we should face it. There is in Europe to-day a vast area—a plague centre, which has devastated itself by revolution—able to contribute nothing but revolutionary microbes to the rest of the world, which is only able to arrest the public recognition of its own complete failure if it can find feeble and hysterical dupes in other countries who will attempt to carry through their insane propaganda. They found such an instrument in Mr. Cook.

We are sufficiently aware of the crises through which we passed in the war still to remember that every man had a part which he played in that war. Of Mr. Cook we know this: There was no single moment at which he could impede the national effort to win that he did not impede it.

We know this of him, that throughout the whole of that war, if he could have had his way, he would rather have had the defeat of England than the victory of England.

He has proclaimed himself the humble disciple of Lenin. He has told us that if he and the forces, happily rapidly crumbling, that are behind prevail he will establish in this country Russia.

We do well to remember that this man holding these views, having been more than once put in jail and deservedly put in jail—(Voices: "Why not now?")—has nevertheless acquired the control of a great trade union. Mr. Cook, the hysterical slave of Moscow, has acquired the mastery of a vital industry in this country. It is no use closing our eyes to the fact. Up to the present he has imbued with Moscow principles fed by Moscow money, one of the greatest trade unions in this country.

The situation requires a little closer analysis. We have to ask where he stands in relation to other great and respected trade union leaders. I can answer that question in a sentence. They think of him more lowly than you and I think of him. There is no great trade union leader in this country to-day who will dare to stand up and defend the principles of Mr. Cook.

Mr. Cook's Paymasters. He has been offered on innumerable occasions—more occasions, I confess, than I would have given him—opportunity for negotiating with his Majesty's Government. He has offered nothing from first to the last. He sends the leaders of the Trades Union Council to negotiate, and if the representatives of the Government ask the Trades Union Council, "What are you authorised to offer?" "In what respect are you plenipotentiaries?" the reply is, "We are not authorised to offer anything. In no single respect are we plenipotentiaries."

Let us face the plain and indisputable fact. Mr. Cook, who is the humble disciple of Lenin, is bound to accept and does accept, the orders of Moscow.

There has never been an occasion in the whole history of England in which any trade union leader who claimed the allegiance of any considerable body of English workmen has proclaimed and admitted that he was the slave and the serf of a foreign power. And of what a foreign power! A foreign power of whom I dispute, and have disputed, the right in existing conditions to be recognised at all in this country. Only a fortnight ago, a meeting assembled at Moscow of Mr. Cook's paymasters—(laughter)—in which they determined the most fruitful lines of Russian activity, and they said quite plainly

that in two quarters of the world they discerned the prospects of fruitful advance.

The first was by continuing to finance the existing coal dispute. The second was by exacerbating every conceivable ground of difference in China.

When we are invited to resume negotiations with the Moscow agent, Mr. Cook, certain considerations assume importance.

We find that the Miners' Federation has failed to control the industry. We find that more than a quarter of the men who get the coal upon which this country depends have refused to obey his orders, and we find that after five months of incredible patience on the part of the Government his last effort is to try to order the safety men to come from the mines in order to destroy the whole fabric on which the existence of the mines depends. No greater proof could be given that he is earning the money that Moscow has paid him.

Teach Him a Lesson.

We have to face the greatest menace that has ever been presented to our existence—greater than the challenge of Louis XIV., greater than the challenge of Philip of Spain, greater than the challenge of Napoleon—are we going in the end to be defeated by a Moscow pantomime artist? (Laughter and cheers.)

He could have obtained three months ago terms which, if my counsel are listened to, are not attainable by him to-day. He has bankrupted not only his own trade union, he has bankrupted nearly every great trade union in the country. Speaking for myself, I say that we will not give way to a man like Cook, fed, as he is fed, on doctrines which his intelligence has never mastered and holding the belief that he can dictate to a great and ancient people, but we will teach him the lesson which we have taught to monarchs and dictators—that there is a greater entity in the character and quality of the English people than in any man, be he monarch, dictator, or demagogue. (Cheers.)

CANADA'S JUBILEE.

PRINCE AND PREMIER
INVITED.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.

The Prince of Wales and Mr. Stanley Baldwin have been officially invited to come to Canada to participate in the diamond jubilee of the confederation of upper and lower Canada on July 1, 1927.—Reuters.

WINTER'S SURPRISE.

14 SHIPS CAUGHT IN
THE ICE.

Québec, Dec. 6.

The early winter in North America has resulted in fourteen vessels, chiefly outward bound, being caught in the ice of the St. Lawrence.—Reuters.

The following will represent the Volunteers in a cricket match against the Royal Artillery on Sunday at 11 a.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground.—R. C. Witcheil (capt.), H. V. Parker, H. E. Standage, F. E. Lawrence, L. P. Ralph, G. R. Vallack, C. T. Evans, F. G. L. Wheeler, R. W. Lee, E. G. Renton and H. Westlake.

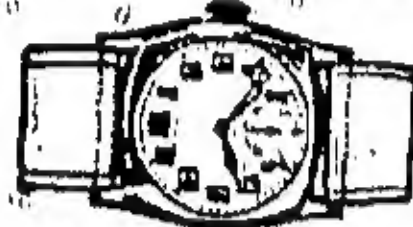
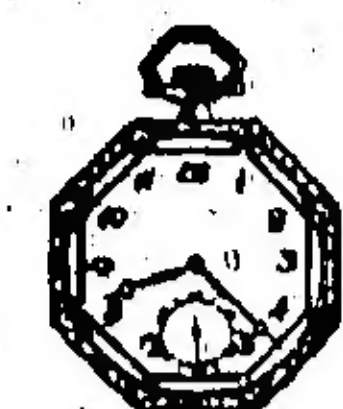
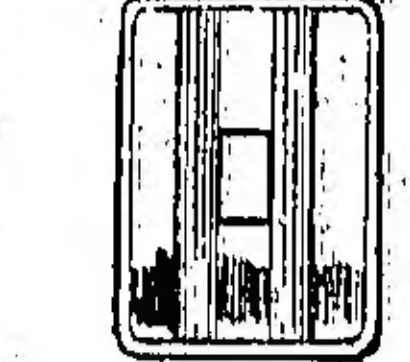


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December 7—World Theatre:
"Sally of the Sawdust."

December 7—Star Theatre:
"The Courtship of Miles Standish."
December 7—Hong Kong Male
Voice Choir's Concert, at Union
Church Lecture Room, 9 p.m.

December 7—Dance of H.M.S.
"Carlisle" at Royal Engineer's
Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30
p.m.

December 9—Musical at Helena
May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

December 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18—The
H.K. Philharmonic Society pre-
sents "The Pirates of Penzance"
at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.,
Matinee on December 15 at 4.30
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Poppy Fund collection organised by the women of Yokohama on November 11 realised ¥553.00 of which \$488.25 is for the Earl Haig for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

German unemployment in the second half of September decreased by 85,000 to 305,000; on October 4 there were 1,572,700 unemployed in Great Britain which is 44,949 more than there were in the latter part of November.

A further order has been issued by Gen. Yen Chun-yang regarding the spreading of war rumours in Chinese territory. The new order warns people of all nationalities which come under Chinese jurisdiction that the penalties for that particular offence will be rigorously enforced.

Since the latter part of October, no supplies have been permitted to be sent from Manchouli on Siberian frontiers to either Inner or Outer Mongolia. Through the repeated entreaties of people directly concerned in Mongolian trade, the despatch of stores for the fishing grounds in Lake Dalai only has been permitted.

Concluding evidence was heard on Nov. 25 in the United States Court for China, Shanghai, before Judge M. D. Purdy in the 16 tons of copper case, which litigation arose from a purchase involving \$11,500 in May of last year in Canton. In conclusion, his Honor said, "I think B. S. Wong has double-crossed some one," and requested counsel to draw up briefs on the question of title.

The final stage in a kidnapping case involving the abduction of Denis Chen from the vicinity of his home at 26, Medhurst Road, on the night of October 29 was enacted in the French Mixed Court at Shanghai, when the chief of the armed band of robbers conducting the abduction, Zao Ah Liang, alias Zi Zai-sung, was handed over to the Chinese authorities for execution. Penalties ranging from 5 years and expulsion to merely expulsion from the French Concession were given to the six accomplices, one of whom was a woman.

According to the old Chinese calendar, to-morrow is the day of Great Snow (Tahsueh).

Rue du Cimetiere, in the French Concession, Shanghai, is to be called Rue Marco Polo from January 1.

In order to protect the officials against further bomb-throwing, armed guards now have been stationed at the entrances to the Japanese Consulate, Shanghai.

An important meeting of Messrs. M. Y. San and Co., Ltd. has been called by the protection committee of the company, to be held at 3 p.m. this Saturday at the offices in Queen's Road Central.

The case against a Chinese clerk employed by the New Zealand Insurance Company, who was charged before Major C. Willson with the embezzlement of \$1,200 has been withdrawn. Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson and Mr. H. S. Loxby represented the complainants and defendant respectively.

The population in Korea totalled 19,015,526 at the end of last year, according to the government investigation. Of the total, 13,543,326 were Koreans, 424,740 Japanese, and the remaining 47,640 foreigners. Compared with the previous year there was an increase of 923,786.

The Director of the Woosung and Shanghai Commercial Area proposes to issue \$50,000 worth of Debenture Bonds to cover expenses for the construction of a bridge across the Soochow Creek in Jessfield Road, Shanghai. The taxes collected in the western suburbs of Shanghai will be offered as security.

The Chinese Mission to Lepers (Shanghai) gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$36.17 from the Cantonese Union Church, \$5.34 from the Pig Bank of Chi Ying Girls' School and \$2.45 from that of the World's Chinese Students' Federation. The Mission is publishing a magazine entitled "The Leper Quarterly," which will make its first appearance some time in January.

The Congress of the International Aviation Federation has agreed to permit women to compete for records. A Spanish proposal has been adopted to establish a helicopter pilot's certificate.

Japanese residents of Shanghai are at present agitating for greater representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council. The Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions is leading the movement.

A Chinese, named Chu Chishan, was arrested by the police in Footing, Shanghai, on Nov. 4, in possession of two inflammatory books. He was sent to the headquarters of the Woosung-Shanghai Constabulary for trial.

H.E. the Governor (as Chief Scout) will preside at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts Association to be held on December 14, at 5.30 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Hall. One of the items on the agenda reads: "to form a Colonial Scout Council to promote the welfare of the Scout Association in Hong Kong."

According to a despatch from Mukden, Mr. Yang Yi-chen, an engineer of the First Arsenal of the Three Eastern Provinces has recently invented a kind of noiseless field gun, of seven thousand m.m. A trial was made at Hsueh-yen, a fortnight ago and proved very successful. Marshal Chang Tso-lin is much pleased at the new invention and is said to have offered \$1,000 as a reward to Mr. Yang.

Announcement is made by invitation of an informal conference to be held on December 9, for the control of narcotic drugs in China at which Dr. Wu Lien-teh will preside and lead the discussions. A tentative programme includes four papers—A Review of the Narcotic Situation in China and Estimate of Medical Needs, Control of Narcotics in China with a view that definite steps may be taken, Anti-Narcotic Education, and the Ameliorative Side of the Work. It is expected that about 40 foreign and Chinese doctors will attend.

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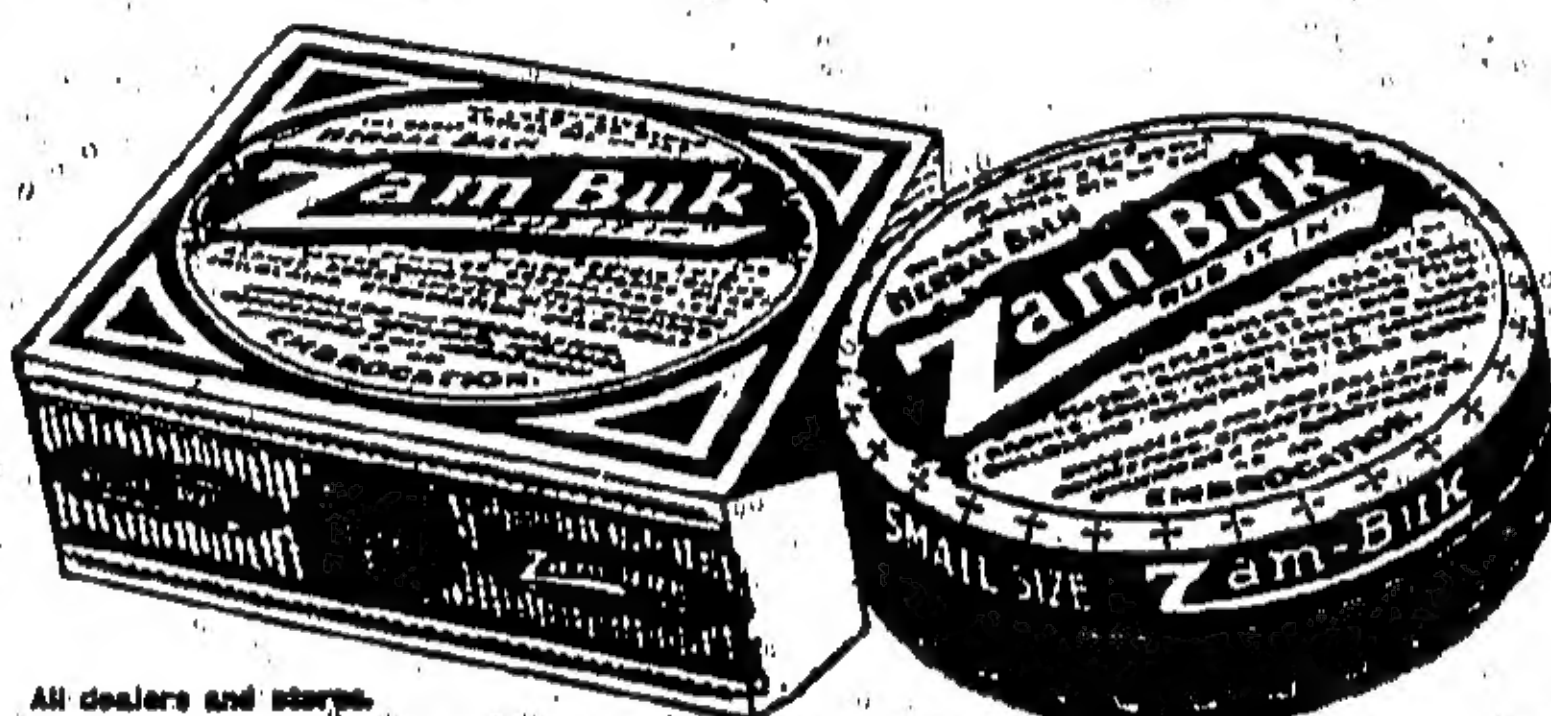
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Ho Ka-lau, the noted Chinese lawn tennis player, left for Shanghai yesterday on the "President Jackson."

Mr. E. A. Leggett, superintendent in Hong Kong of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., returned to the Colony yesterday on the "St. Albans" from Sydney.

Inspector C. F. Aris, of the Hong Kong Police, has left for a trip to Sydney on board the s.s. "Tanda." The full list of Hong Kong passengers will be found on page 4.

Formerly manager of the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, Mr. Charles Hugo paid a short visit to the Colony recently and left yesterday for the North on the "President Jackson." He is accompanied by Mrs. Hugo.

Secretary to the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., Mr. Chas. S. Rosset was a passenger on the northbound "President Jackson" yesterday. Other names in the list include those of Miss M. Roza, Mrs. A. E. Alger and Mr. P. R. Warren.

Mrs. A. Prokofeva, the Russian lady passenger on the "Sunning" when attacked by pirates, left for Sydney on Saturday by the "Tanda" after having missed a previous boat. A sum of several hundreds of dollars was raised for her by the Kowloon "Dock Recreation Club."

According to a British wireless message the Premier wired in the House of Commons yesterday that in the absence of Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is at Geneva attending the League Council, he is himself taking charge of the business of the Foreign Office.

After a stay in the Colony of a few years, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith (on the clergy of St. Andrew's, Kowloon) left yesterday on the "President Jackson" with Mrs. Arrowsmith and Masters K. and V. Arrowsmith. The family is going to Japan and then returning home via America.

Senator William S. Vare of Pennsylvania, whose right for a seat in the United States Senate has been questioned because of his heavy expenditures in the primary campaign, spent \$7,698 in the general election contest on November 2, he declared, in a sworn statement filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

The Hong Kong Male Voice Choir is to give a concert at Union Church lecture hall at 9 o'clock this evening.

Commander D. Rossi, Italian Minister to Peking, and formerly Consul-General in Shanghai, has arrived in Shanghai on a short visit.

After a tour around the world, Mr. J. de Graen Ozerio returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Hayes," from New York via Shanghai.

FIRE THREATENS BEATTY'S HOME.

Rugby, December 6.—From the roof of his Surrey mansion, Admiral Earl Beatty directed the operations of firemen during a fire which broke out in the servants' quarters of the house yesterday.



The mansion contains a valuable Holbein fireplace and ceiling by Verrio, and art treasures, but they escaped damage, which, as a result of Earl Beatty's directions, was confined to one wing of the building.—British Wireless Service.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Hayes" from the North included Mr. Ho Wing-kin (of Messrs. Hall, Law & Co.) and Mr. Ong Zin-chew, both business men back from Shanghai (Mr. Ho is a son of the late Dr. Sir Kai Ho, Kail); Mrs. Bema, F. Kessinger of New York; Mr. C. S. Kwong of Shanghai; Mr. J. B. Lee (of Messrs. Hemmings & Co., Canton), back from Shanghai; Mr. L. Schipper of Antwerp; Mrs. W. Stephens of Shanghai; Mrs. V. Wong of Shanghai.

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SPORTS SECTION

CUP REPLAYS.

1st Round F.A. Trophy Completed.

DRAWN MATCHES SETTLED.

How The Clubs Are Paired For December 11.

London, Dec. 6. Replays to-day in the 1st round (of the competition proper) of the Football Association Cup resulted as follows:—

Barnes lost to Wigan 3-1 goal.

Stoke lost to Rhyd 1-2 goals, at Alchurch.

New Brighton lost to Wrexham 1-3 goals, at Liverpool.

Reuter.

[Note: The two last mentioned pairs had already drawn twice.]

2nd Round Draw.

The draw for the 2nd round (on Dec. 11) is now complete, as follows:—

Carlisle v. Bellingham.

Ashton v. Nelson.

Southport v. Crook.

Chilton Collieries v. Accrington.

Crew v. Wigan.

Rhyl v. Wrexham.

Walsall v. Mansfield.

Coveley v. Lincoln.

Barnsley v. Chesterfield.

Grimsby v. York.

Gillingham v. Brentford.

Norwich v. Poole.

Bristol Rovers v. Charlton.

Luton v. Northfleet.

Bristol City v. Bournemouth.

Exeter v. Northampton.

Norwich v. Chatham.

Watford v. Brighton.

Reading v. Southampton.

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY.

Further progress has been made in the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Ladies' Recreation Club.

In the semi-finals of the open singles championship of the Colony, the position is:—

Mrs. Miles v. Miss Enid Lo.

Mrs. Hall v. Miss Robinson.

[Winner to meet Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, holder, in challenge round.]

Club singles to date (semi-finals):—

Mrs. Davenport Brown v. Mrs. James.

Mrs. Stark v. Miss Brown.

Last week's results follow:—

Club Singles.

2nd round:—Mrs. Davenport Brown beat Mrs. Clelland 6-0.

6-0. Mrs. Stark beat Miss Lawrie 6-2, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles Championship.

2nd round:—Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown beat Mrs. Cook and Mr. W. A. Nowers, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Mr. and Mrs. Forster w.o. from Major and Mrs. Stevenson; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark beat Mrs. J. Hall and Mr. Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. Raiton w.o. from Miss Lawrie and Mr. Lawrie.

Doubles Handicap.

2nd round:—Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Raiton (owe 15) beat Mrs. Davenport Brown and Mrs. Hickling (owe 2/6), 8-6, 6-4.

Semi-final:—Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Rowley (owe 15/2) bye, beat Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Raiton (owe 15).

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

1st round:—Miss Newsholme and Mr. Evans (owe 2/6) beat Miss Riddle and Mr. Reeve (rec. 15), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Mrs. James and Mr. Hickling (owe 15) w.o. from Miss Lawrie and Mr. Lawrie.

2nd round:—Mrs. Machidan and Mr. Rowley (rec. 5/6) beat Mrs. James and Mr. Hickling (owe 15), 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; Major and Mrs. Stevenson (owe 30) beat Dr. Craig and Mrs. Craig (owe 4/6), 6-4, 6-1.

Men's Singles.

2nd round:—Col. C. Russell Brown beat A. D. Humphreys.

"WHITE WINGS."

Teams of four-a-side representing the Army and the Royal Navy took part in a sailing race on Sunday with yachts of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. On the morning event, their soldiers led by 21 points to 16. When boats were changed over in the afternoon, the senior service won by 20 points to 17—the Army thus gaining the day by 38 points to 36.

Cambridge, Nov. 20.—In the Colquhoun Sculls final P. Letchworth, Christ's College, beat F. O'Rourke, Jesus College, by 20 seconds. His time was 8½ minutes.

STEEPLECHASES.

ENTRIES FOR MEETING ON DEC. 18.

ROTHESAY ENTERED.

Entries closed on Saturday for the steeplechase meeting of the Fanning Hunt at Kwanti on December 18.

The number of ponies is encouraging but owners have not entered them in as many races as hitherto, preferring to confine themselves to "suitable" events.

Mr. R. M. Dyer has entered Rothersey which is well known on the flat, having secured many victories both at the annual and extra Jockey Club meetings. This pony first ran as Roman Pride and then as Ramsbury. As Rothersey he carried the colours of Mr. Dyer and Mr. B. D. F. Beith. His advent over the fences will be eagerly watched.

Sunburst Rose is another of the speedy "flat" racers down to compete. Details follow:—

Race 1. (2.15 p.m.) Maiden Plate: 1½ miles.—For China ponies that have started at Kwanti steeplechases and not won. Catch weight 160 lbs. Unplaced starters allowed 5 lbs. Winner Cup, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$10.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao; Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Inkpot; Mr. A. Maude's Black Mouse; Mr. R. J. Paterson's October; Mr. R. H. Charles's New York; Mr. H. Birkett's Rivergrass; Mr. A. Nissim's Zircon; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake; Capt. G. Howard's Eberhart; Major Bamford's Formidable; Mr. A. H. Potts's Two Fairs.

Race 2.—Open Handicap Steeplechase, 1½ miles.—For China ponies. Winner a Cup, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$10.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao and Reynolds; Mr. M. M. Maas's Wahkeena; Mr. L. Reidy's Isostacy (late Magnificent Dullia); Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pig; Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Cheriton Vale; Mr. R. H. Charles's Tam; Mr. R. M. Dyer's Rothersey; Mr. H. Birkett's The Golden Pheasant and Rivergrass; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Sunburst Rose; Lt. G. M. S. Webb's Nonsuch; Lt. Col. V. Coates's More Better.

Race 3.—Christmas Steeplechase, 2 miles.—For China ponies, property of subscribers to the Hunt. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of two steeplechase 7 lbs., three or more 12 lbs. penalty. Winner a Cup, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$10.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Reynolds; Mr. M. M. Maas's Wahkeena; Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Conquistador and James Pig; Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Emperor; Mr. R. M. Dyer's Rothersey; Mr. H. Birkett's The Golden Pheasant and Rivergrass; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Sunburst Rose; Lt. G. M. S. Webb's Nonsuch; Lt. Col. V. Coates's More Better.

Race 4.—The Owners' Steeplechase, 1½ miles.—For China ponies, to be ridden by owner. W.L. Winners of two or more races 12 lbs. penalty. Winner a Cup, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$10.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao and Kwong Sai; Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli; Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse; Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Inkpot; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Sunburst Rose; Mr. A. H. Potts's Craighavard.

Race 5.—United Services Race 1½ miles.—Open to Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and Volunteers. For China ponies. Catch weight 155 lbs. Winner of one steeplechase 7 lbs. penalty, of two or more 14 lbs. Unplaced starters allowed 5 lbs. Winner, a Cup, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$10.

Mr. L. Reidy's Isostacy (late Magnificent Dullia); Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin; Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Spaghetti; Lt. A. Maude's Black Mouse; Mr. R. H. Charles's New York and Chessman; Mr. H. Birkett's The Golden Pheasant and Rivergrass; Mr. T. C. T. Beck's Harford; Mr. A. Nissim's Zircon; Mr. W. F. Simmons's Smart Guy; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake and Sunburst Rose; Lt. G. M. S. Webb's Nonsuch; Lt. Col. V. Coates's More Better; Capt. V. F. Browne's Bertram; Mr. A. H. Potts's Two Pairs; Major F. Hogg's Wideawake (late Pongo).

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club XI against H.K.S. R.A. to-morrow at U.S.R.C. ground:—S. H. Garrod; J. Rodger, D. Lyon; A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), E. L. Sim; G. E. Slipper, L. M. S. Lloyd, F. G. L. Wheeler, B. D. Evans, G. P. Lammett.

OUTSIDER WINS.

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DERBY CUP RESULT.

London, Nov. 19. The race for the Derby Cup (1 mile 6 fms.) resulted as follows:—

Invershin 1.
New Sola (7) 2.
Hercules 3.

Fourteen ran. Won by three-quarters of a length, one and a half lengths between second and third.

Betting:—

40 to 1 against Invershin.
100 to 1 against New Sola.
100 to 8 against Hercules.

"WORLD" BOXING.

Scot Matched for Flyweight Title.

New York, Nov. 17. The fight between Elky Clark (Scotland) and F. La Barba (U.S.A.) for the fly-weight boxing Championship of the world has been fixed for Jan. 21.

Under Rugby Union rules:—

Bristol beat Devonport Services by 19 points to 16.

Cambridge University beat Dublin University by 15 points to 8.

Sandhurst beat Woolwich (at Richmond) by 12 points to 6.

Maoris v. Blackheath.

London, Nov. 20. The match between the Maoris and Blackheath was played under bad weather conditions. Rain fell and the light was bad. The ground was very heavy. There was an attendance of 5,000.

The Prince of Wales arrived before the start and the teams were presented to him.

The first half was finely contested. A minute before the interval Patten scored a try and Kemp converted.

At half-time Blackheath led by 5 points to nil.

In the second half the Maoris did most of the attacking. Their open work was excellent.

Manhera, Dennis and Rika scored unconverted tries.

Result:—Blackheath 5; Maoris 9.

HOME CRICKET.

MORE ABOUT LANCASHIRE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

SMALLER BALL PROPOSED.

London, Nov. 19. At the meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee at Lord's, the Lancashire Club moved that the present system of scoring points in the County Championship be cancelled and the following substituted:—Two points reckoned for a win and one each for a drawn game, and that the principle of percentage be retained.

The proposal was referred to a sub-committee composed of the Chairman, Lord Harris, C. Dixon, T. Higgin, V. W. C. Jupp and two members of the Marylebone Club.

The Lancashire Club's suggestions for giving more assistance to the bowler, notably in the direction of a smaller ball, were similarly referred.

TESTS IN 1927.

When England Will Meet West Indies.

London, Nov. 19. Three Test matches will be played in England against the West Indies in 1927:—

First Test on June 23, at Lord's.

Second Test on July 21, at Manchester.

Third Test on August 11, at The Oval.

The last-named will be played out to a finish if necessary.

ferred with approval and a request that the Counties should be asked to suggest new dimensions.

"Test" Spills Divided.

The proposal to abolish the "tea interval" on the third day of a match was carried.

It was decided to retain last year's procedure as regards the covering of wickets.

It was announced at the subsequent Board of Control meeting that the Test receipts amounted to £20,000, of which the Australians took fifteen to sixteen thousand, and the M. C. C. eighteen to nineteen thousand, the balance being divided among all first-class Counties and Counties where Tests were played, except for three thousand which was divided among the minor Counties.

LADIES' WALKING MATCH.

While Shanghai has talked of the possibilities of holding an international walking match for ladies, Tsingtao has gone ahead with the scheme and looks like holding that event in the near future. The international walking match for men was successfully concluded recently and 20 entries have been received from Tsingtao ladies wishing to compete in a ladies' match. This, without doubt, will be the first ladies' international walking match to be held in the Far East, and it will be held in the near future.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

A WEEK'S MATCHES.

London, Nov. 15. Under rugby union rules to-day (Glasgow Academicals beat Oxford University by 13 points to 8.

Edinburgh University beat United Hospitals by 6 points to 3.

County Championship.

London, Nov. 17. In the rugby county championship the following are results:—

Warwickshire beat North Midlands by 18 points to 3 at Birmingham.

Leicestershire beat Nottingham and Derbyshire by 31 points to 8 at Leicester.

Hampshire beat Middlesex by 6 points to 5 at Teddington.

Sussex beat Eastern Counties by 12 points to 8 at Hastings.

Other Matches.

Under Rugby Union rules:—

Bristol beat Devonport Services by 19 points to 16.

Cambridge University beat Dublin University by 15 points to 8.

Sandhurst beat Woolwich (at Richmond) by 12 points to 6.

Maoris v. Blackheath.

London, Nov. 20. The match between the Maoris and Blackheath was played under bad weather conditions. Rain fell and the light was bad. The ground was very heavy. There was an attendance of 5,000.

The Prince of Wales arrived before the start and the teams were presented to him.

The first half was finely contested. A minute before the interval Patten scored a try and Kemp converted.

At half-time Blackheath led by 5 points to nil.

In the second half the Maoris did most of the attacking. Their open work was excellent.

Manhera, Dennis and Rika scored unconverted tries.

Result:—Blackheath 5; Maoris 9.

GOLF CLUB.

GOVERNOR'S SHIELD RESULTS.

The first round in the competition for the Governor's Shield (Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, at Fanling) has been completed. Results to date:—

B. & S. (H. U. Ireland and W. Ireland) beat Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (H. W. Standage and W. L. Dunbar), 4 and 2.

A.P.C. (T. D. E. Pendered and W. A. Butterfield) beat Chartered Bank (T. L. Christie and P. B. Jones), 2 up.

Shewan, Tomes & Co. (H. W. Shewan and J. Coulthart) walk over from Lowe, Bingham & Matthews (A. Ritchie and H. R. Clelland), scratched.

Dodwell & Co. (R. Melville Smith and L. G. S. Dodwell) beat Education Department (P. J. de Rome and A. O. Brown), 5 and 4.

Second Round Results.

In the second round results to date are as under:—

R.A.M.C. (Col. S. Boylan Smith and Major Lynch) beat Prisons Department (J. W. Franks and Capt. H. F. Bloxham), 5 and 4.

H.K. & Shanghai Bank (R. L. Moncrieff and E. D. Black) beat Jardine, Matheson & Co. (W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy), 2 up.

Johnson, Stokes & Master (D. J. Lewis and L. R. Andrews) beat Vacuum Oil Co. (I. H. Geare and C. C. Stark), 3 and 2.

P.W.D. (A. E. Lissaman and N. K. Littlejohn) beat Holyoak, Massey & Co. (A. K. Mackenzie and C. V. Mark), 2 and 1.

Four matches remain to be played in the second round, which has to be completed by Dec. 18; the third round by Jan. 1, and the semi-finals by Jan. 15. The final is fixed for Jan. 30.

Adamson Cup.

In the Adamson Cup competition (Junior Section) from Nov. 28 to Dec. 5, two cards only were taken out, and none was returned.

TACNA-ARICA DISPUTE.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 6. An unfavourable reception is accorded Mr. Kellogg's proposal in regard to the Tacna-Arica dispute.

"La Nacion" emphasises the fact that the United States have considerable interests in Bolivia.

Washington, Dec. 6.—It is officially announced that Chile has accepted Mr. Kellogg's proposal regarding Tacna Arica in principle.

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WAR NEWS.

SUDDEN CHANGES IN ATMOSPHERE.

Peking, Nov. 27.

As to the despatch of the Fengtien-Shantung troops to the south, Marshal Chang Tso-in and General Yang Yu-tung have expressed their intention of not sending troops across the Yangtze. Marshal Chang Chung-chang, Tapan of Shantung, will be, it is understood, called to Tientsin again, and will be given instructions to that effect by his chief.

A part of the Fengtien-Shantung troops, however, will be concentrated at Chengchow and Hanchow with the object of preparing for any emergency.

While the question of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's return to Nanking is highly speculative, it is noteworthy that Marshal Chang Tso-in invited General Yang Yu-tung and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to a dinner on Thursday night and tried to persuade Marshal Sun to go back to Nanking, promising to support with munition.

It is reported that Marshal Sun is expected to leave Tientsin for Nanking within a few days.—"Toho."

Atmosphere Changes.

Tientsin, Nov. 26. A sudden change has taken place in the atmosphere of the Military Conference of Fengtien leaders now in session at the Tsai Chia Garden. The Feng leaders, as a result of to-day's meeting, have decided to confine the mobilisation of the Fengtien-Shantung troops to the region north of the Yangtze, and to ask Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to rise in arms against the Southern troops.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, in compliance with the earnest request of the Fengtien leaders, has resolved to return to Nanking and to make a fresh attempt by gathering the remnants of his army in the South Eastern five provinces.

This sudden change in the atmosphere of the military conference is, it is observed, due to apprehension on the part of the Fengtien leaders that unless Marshal Sun Chuan-fang returns to Nanking, the pretext of assisting him might come to nothing.

In this connection it is also observed that the ambiguous attitude of Marshal Sun's armies have given some apprehension to the Fengtien leaders, and that the unpopularity of the Fengtien troops among the people of Kiangsu expedited this change.—"Toho."

Leaders Meet Again.

Tientsin, Nov. 27. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Yang Yu-tung met on the night of November 25. General Yang persuaded Marshal Sun to return to Nanking immediately.

General Chang Chung-chang is expected to come to Tientsin in a day or two on the telegraphic instruction of Marshal Chang Tso-in.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu has consented to the despatch of Fengtien troops to the south. Tientsin-Shantung troops now being despatched down through the Tientsin-Pukow line will not advance farther than Pukow.—"Kuo Wen."

Hsuehchowfu, Nov. 27.

General Peng Tuh-chuan, new Defence Commissioner for Hsuehchowfu, officially assumed his post on November 25. General Peng was accompanied here by his 4th Division and his staff. The troops are now stationed at various places in this vicinity for the purpose of maintaining peace and order.

The 10th Brigade under General Chang Tse-ying, in three trains, passed here on the night of November 25 for Pukow, with General Chang in personal command. This is understood to be the Shantung army despatched as a result of the conference between Marshals Chang Tso-in and Sun Chuan-fang in Tientsin, but many other armies will move down. General Chang Chung-chang is expected to come down to-day.—"Kuo Wen."

Naval Assistance.

In view of an urgent telegram from Marshal Chang Chung-chang informing him of immediate despatch of the Shantung naval squadron from Tsingtao to Shanghai, Admiral Yang Shuchang, Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, called an important meeting of all naval officers here to discuss the necessary arrangements. It is learned that they will present a united front in the Southern Campaign.—"Kuo Wen."

Move Against Feng.

Peking, Nov. 27. Two cavalry brigades and one artillery regiment of the Feng-

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Casian E. Carr, city manager of Fort Worth, was a witness for the State at the trial of the Rev. Frank Norris, minister accused of the murder of D. E. Chipps.



Lieutenant J. B. Anderson who was a member of the crew of the R-33 when it fell in England, and on the Shenandoah when it crashed last year, was assigned to the dirigible Los Angeles for its trip to Detroit.



Queen Marie of Roumania is shown immediately after she landed in New York on her American tour. Accompanying her was Mr. J. Butler Wright, assistant Secretary of State, and representative of President Coolidge.



Joseph Carson, Jr., Columbia University professor of philosophy, was arrested for beating Lawrence Buermeyer, instructor in the same subject at the New York University.



Paul Dickey, York playwright, introduced Ruth Shepley (inset), actress, to his wife as the woman he loved, Mrs. Dickey (above) brought a repatriation suit.



Arthur Eng (three) plays with an old rifle, wishing that he was old enough to join in the hunt for the bandits that killed his father and wounded two other men in robbing a mail truck.



Mrs. Anne Whelan Kahn, daughter-in-law of Otto Kahn, was robbed of \$12,000 worth of jewels in 1924. It was revealed when police seized some of them in a pawnshop.



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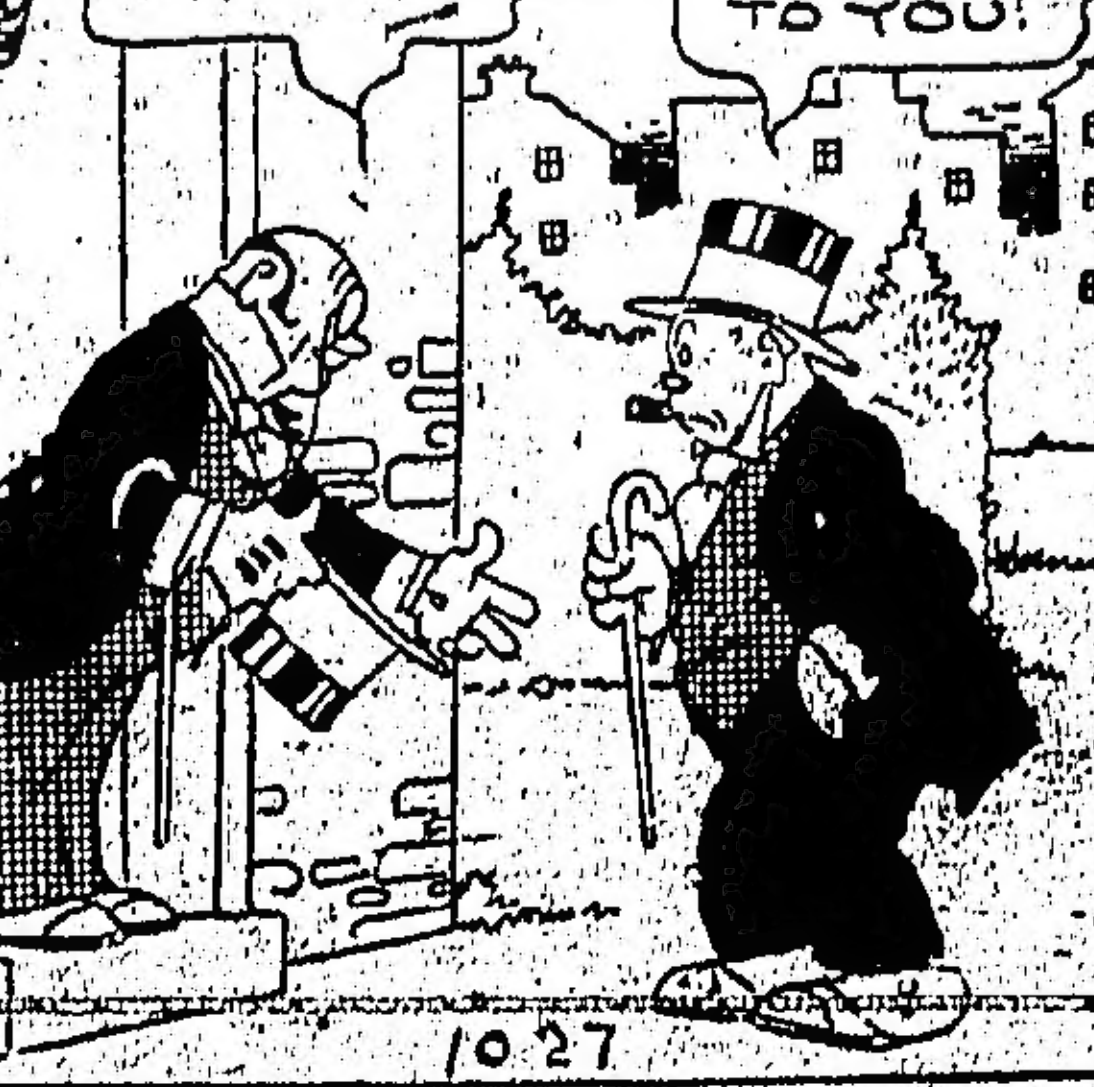
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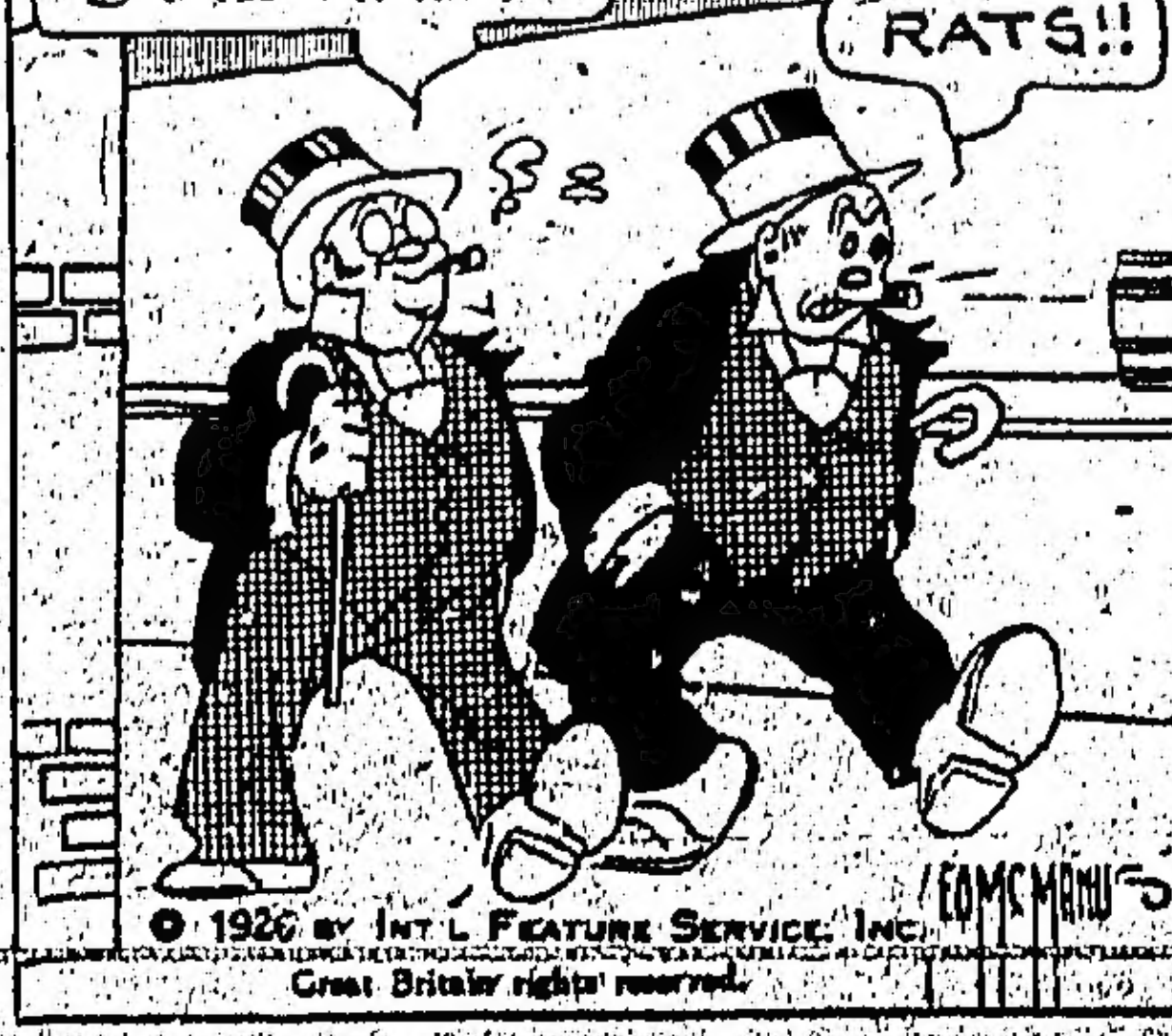


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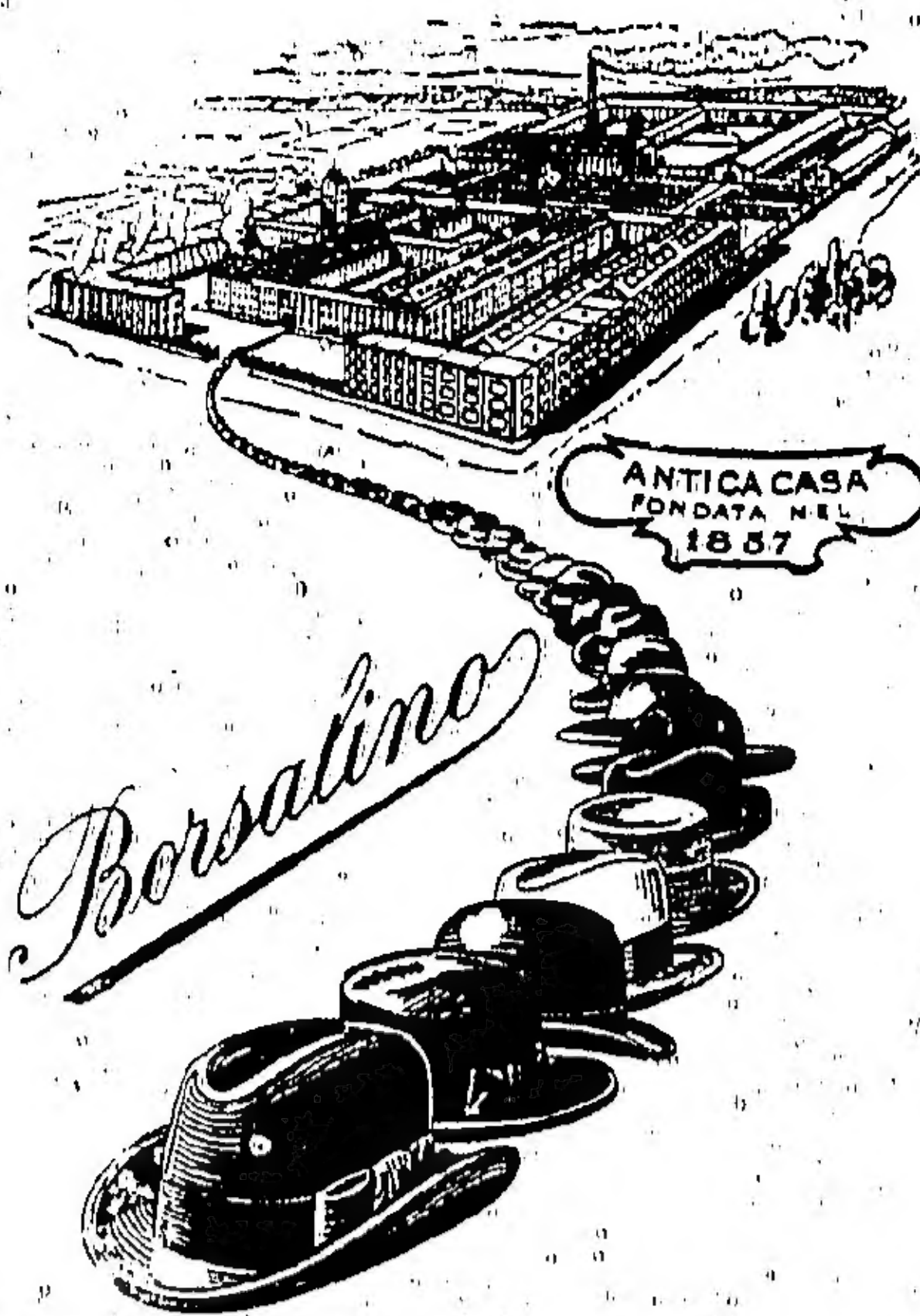


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"LITTLE HSU."

REMAINS GO TO LAST RESTING PLACE.

The final curtain in the tempestuous life and career of General Hsu Hsu-tseng, better known as "Little Hsu," was rung down when his remains, in an expensive sandalwood coffin, were transported by train to Haichowfu, where the interment of this stormy petrel of Chinese politics will take place.

General Hsu was assassinated on the train between Tientsin and Peking about a year ago and his remains were brought down to Shanghai, where an elaborate funeral ceremony was held. Since then the coffin has been kept at the Kiangsu Guild, in the Chinese city, until the appropriate period of mourning passed. On November 26 the coffin was taken to the Shanghai North station where it lay in state on the platform, the cynosure of many curious eyes. On November 27, the coffin was despatched to Haichowfu, the late General Hsu's native city.

"Little Hsu" was one of the most amazing and most elusive figures on the Chinese political stage, being the harbinger of trouble and war in a dozen different provinces. His last attempted coup was when he tried to reorganise the troops of General Lu Yung-hsiang, defeated Chinese leader, in the war of autumn, 1924, and practically held up the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for ransom by inviting war in the shadow of the place.

Fortunately, his design was checked when he was arrested entering the Settlement. He was eventually deported from Shanghai, but after a triumphant tour of the world as a representative of China, he returned and was assassinated by political enemies when travelling between Tientsin and Peking.—"Shanghai Times."

CARD PLAYING IN SIAM.

A point of law has been raised in Bangkok. Borispah Court No. 2 delivered a judgment which would seem to be of immediate interest to everyone who plays cards. Four Siamese were charged with playing cards (pai paw) for money without a permit. The offence was alleged to have been committed in a house at Tapan, Mohon on the evening of the 14th ult. The facts were not in dispute. The defendants said:

"We were playing poker, and certainly we played the game with cards; and it is also true that there were money stakes. But we contend that we were not doing anything in contravention of the law, as it does not forbid poker. The Court was of the opinion that the purpose of the law was to forbid the playing of any game of cards for money without a permit, and that the nature of the game was immaterial. But as it was a private game between the four, they were let off with a fine of Tcs. 50 each, and together they have to find Tcs. 20 for the informer. If the money is not paid the alternative is three days in prison for each Tcs. 5.

SUN'S TROOPS.

DISARMED AND CARRYING THEIR LOOT.

ON WAY BACK TO NANKING.

Tsing Yang-hsien, Anhwei, November 21.

Although the war had hitherto failed to penetrate Southern Anhwei, it has now come to our very doors in the form of whole armies of retreating troops. Coming out of Kiangsi via the pottery district (Kipgtechien), passing through Kimen, Hsien, Shihtai and Tsing-yang Hsien, they reach the Yangtze at Tatung, half way between Anking and Wuhu, and embark down river, their reported destination being Nanking.

On the 18th instant it looked as if the whole Kiangsi government were about to descend upon us when the late Civil Governor, Li Ting-kwei, the late Provincial Treasurer, and General Tseng Chun-yen with a guard of five hundred spent the night here. The next day eight hundred and the following seven hundred passed through, and nobody seems to know how many more are to follow, though rumour estimates over ten thousand total.

While the troops accompanying the high officials were well dressed and orderly, the rest have been a motley mob. Wealthy farmers along the line of march have suffered at their hands, yet in the cities they are well-behaved, judged by the standards of their class. Some have been unarmed, most carried only rifles, but today's contingent had numerous machine-guns, mortars, etc. Some were seen throwing away cartridges to make room for heavier burdens of silver. The first contingent sold civilian clothing in this city, which was subsequently bought by the motley mob next day. Apparently their attention en route has not been confined to the beauties of our mountain scenery. All forms of transportation have been commandeered along this route from the Yangtze southward, and all other traffic is suspended—these hordes pass through—"Hankow Herald."

FRACAS OVER HAWKERS.

It was rumoured several days ago that fighting had broken out round Hangchow and Sungkiang, but investigations could bring no proof of the assertion. It has now been established that slight trouble occurred between the 1st Division (Chekiangese) and the 2nd Division (Northern mercenaries) at Sungkiang. The latter are stationed there and the others were passing through by train. The Northerners had forbidden hawkers to get on the station platform. These orders were disobeyed, when the military train stopped. The one group wished to purchase, the other tried to enforce their orders. Inevitably and demonstrations followed, but no damage was done.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"LOVERS IN QUARANTINE" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

This is a snappy comedy picture with Bebe Daniels in the lead, the heroine becoming mixed up in her elder sister's love affairs and finally flitting herself into a match with a desirable fiance. Briefly put, the story is of Diana Gordon, who is a vivacious tomboy, given to acting first and thinking afterwards and is attracted by Tony Blunt, who imagines himself to be in love with her elder sister. There is an elopement by steamer, but it is the wrong girl who embarks and her identity is not discovered until the vessel has been three days at sea and to crown the whole mix up, the ship is quarantined. The mix up produces some excellent situations and the final sorting out is plausible, and highly amusing. This is probably Bebe Daniels' best picture to date and she receives excellent support from Harrison Ford and Eden Gray, while a newcomer is Ivan Simpson, who has a clever part as the Silent Passenger.

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There are many thrilling climaxes; with some of the scenes aboard the Mayflower being exceptionally well done. On the ocean, many perils beset the Pilgrims, who made the trip to the new America in safety, with John Alden making a sensational rescue of John Howland, who had been swept over the side of the board in one of the most terrific storms ever placed on the silver sheet.

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There came a letter one day from his cousin who had come to Canada in 1900. It told of the vast stretches of prairie lands of good jobs with high wages, and of how he had come to Canada not knowing a word of English yet had had no trouble in finding work.

"Why don't you come, John, and make money too, and get ahead in this new country," the letter ran. Coerlis was single and inspired with new hope left Russia and joined his cousin. He did not buy land at once but went to work in the Canadian Pacific Railway's roundhouse and began to save. During this time he married one of his own country women and joined his cousin in Northern Alberta. Land was cheap and a good start was made. Naturally there were hard years at first; new land to break and a house and barn to save for. With thrift this was accomplished.

Five children were born to John Coerlis and his wife, three boys and two girls. While the last was still a baby the mother died and John Coerlis faced

life with five motherless children in a new country. With courage characteristic of pioneers of the land, Mary, the oldest girl, but twelve years of age, stepped in and took charge of the household. They had a small organ which Coerlis played and taught Mary to play.

Years passed. That is over eight years ago now. Mary is herself married to Dave Kruman, a prosperous son of a Russian pioneer who settled in the West 20 years ago.

Tom, John Coerlis' eldest son, is interested in engines and recently bought a second hand tractor and went to different farms breaking land. He intends to buy a grain separator, which with his engine, will complete his threshing outfit. He will likely say for himself, "I'm a farmer."

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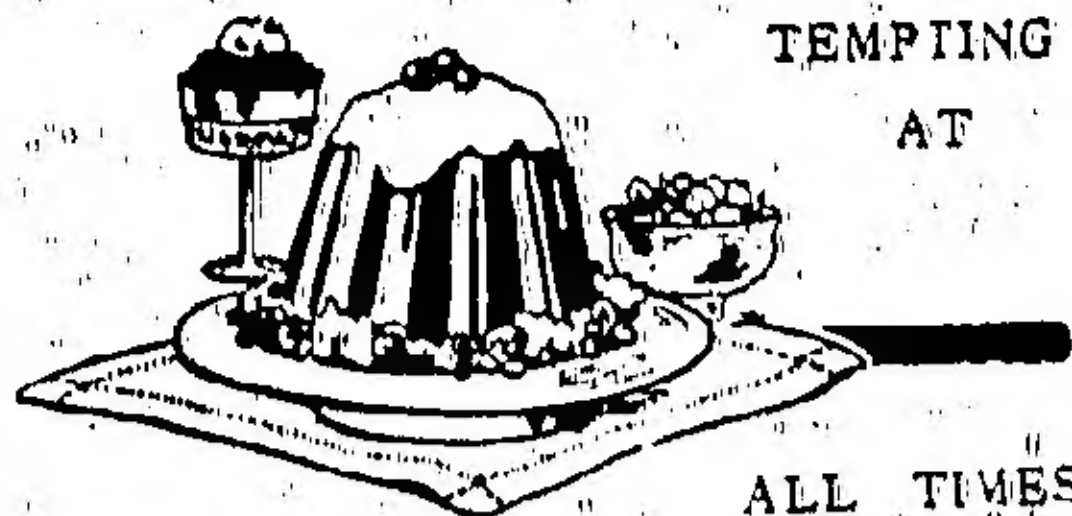
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A CURIOUS STORY.

Judge and Junk Master's
Allegations.

At the re-opening of a case in the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Wood indicated that the re-hearing had been granted in consequence of the plaintiff having told him in Chambers that he had been drugged and that in this state he had signed a document agreeing to accept \$200 instead of the \$1,000 which originally formed the subject of his action.

The action concerned the shipment of cement from Hong Kong to Sam Cheong, near Kowloon, by junk. The plaintiff was Chan Lin-shing, the junk owner, who claimed \$1,260 for junk hire and passage expenses. Of this amount, \$260 was waived to bring the claim within the jurisdiction of the court.

The Tai Fung Loong firm, which was sued for this amount, was represented legally by Mr. Owen.

Strike Pickets' Action.
The plaintiff alleged that his junk sailed from Hong Kong on April 16, but was detained at Macao until July 27 owing to the action of the pickets who would not allow the cargo to be landed. The two steam launch tugs "were lost" and he had to return to Hong Kong by sail with the cargo still aboard.

The agreement with defendants, said the plaintiff, was for \$1.03 per barrel of cement (there were 900 barrels on board), and \$9 a day for passage. In respect of this latter amount, \$720 had been paid by defendants but \$207 and the amount for hire of junk was still owing.

Regarding plaintiff's accusation as to his having been drugged, His Honour reviewed the previous happenings. The plaintiff's case had been fixed for hearing but on that day, Mr. Owen, for the defendants, had put in a signed receipt by the plaintiff for \$200, and indicated that the plaintiff had signed an agreement in settlement of the case.

Subsequently, the plaintiff had attended in Chambers in company with his wife and had alleged that he had been drugged at the time he signed the agreement and accepted the money. In view of the plaintiff's statement that he had no knowledge of what he was doing, he (His Honour) had decided to hear the merits of the case.

"Came Over Dizzy."

Questioned in the court this morning as to this story, witness said that he had been to the offices of the Kwong Hing, which firm acted as agents for the shipment, when he "came over dizzy" in the street, not far from the King Edward Hotel. He dimly remembered someone suggesting that he should lie down and he was then taken to "a European building." He had no recollection of signing any document or of accepting \$200 in settlement of his \$1,000 claim.

Plaintiff called on his behalf, an employee of the Kwong Hing firm which had acted as agents. This man, in the witness box, said that there were several interviews between him and the plaintiff as to settlement of the case out of court and eventually, it was on plaintiff's own suggestion, that \$200 was paid him. Plaintiff was certainly not drugged or dizzy when he signed the document in question.

His Honour remarked to Mr. Owen that the defence had been proved out of the mouth of the plaintiff's own witness.

Addressing plaintiff, His Honour said that he did not believe his story. In His Honour's view, the plaintiff had accepted the \$200 and was content to accept it. Judgment would be given for defendants with costs subsequent to the plaintiff's application for reinstatement.

Mr. Hiram Abrams, aged 43, President of the United Artists Corporation, and movie magnate, died in New York on November 16.

IMPROVED OUTLOOK.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The situation in China expressed the opinion that it was clear the South China of to-day would be the Chinese Republic of to-morrow. The Soviet Government had no intention of intervening in Chinese affairs.

"We are friendly with the Kuomintang Government and we rejoice in the growth of our friends. I am astounded at the incredible narrow-mindedness of the British Conservative politicians and journalists, who make us responsible for the development of the Chinese Nationalist movement, when it must be clear to every thinking person that this gigantic movement springs from the Chinese people itself."

No British Help for North.

Rugby, Dec. 6.

London official circles declare that there is no foundation for the allegations that the British Government or British merchants have ever financed the northern military or any other political faction in China.

Although requests for assistance have been made from time to time, they have consistently maintained their policy of non-interference in Chinese domestic affairs.—British Wireless Service.

Lord Birkenhead on Lloyd George.

London, Dec. 6.

Lord Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, in a speech at Northampton, replied to Mr. Lloyd George's speech on China. Lord Birkenhead said the inspiration and ultimate purposes of the present movement in South China were wholly concealed, and he would be doing an injustice to the ingenious plotters of Moscow if he gave anyone else the credit thereof. It had never been the British Government's purpose to engage in any war with China. (Cheers.)

Their concern had been firstly to protect the lives of British men and women harmlessly and usefully living in China under assurances given by the former authorities of China, and secondly as far as it could by pacific and persuasive methods to safeguard our great trade and financial interests there.

Any government would be incompetent and utterly unworthy of public confidence if neglected to demand and procure observance of plain indisputable treaty rights. He was shocked that Mr. Lloyd George had condescended to make a speech wholly irresponsible, inaccurate and mischievous to the fundamental interests of which he with every other statesman in England ought to be the responsible guardian.—Reuter.

Lloyd George Trowned.

London, Dec. 6.

"To-day's papers severely criticise Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Bradford. The "Morning Post" says the ex-Premier was merely trying to dis-

credit the Conservative government and pander to the Socialists, adding "To other interests he is constitutionally indifferent."

The "Daily Telegraph" alludes to a "baseless and ludicrous presentation of the case."

The Liberal organ, the "Daily News," points out that however anxiously the British may want "peaceable revolution in Sino-British relationships, Mr. Lloyd George would be the last to expect the Government to remain inactive before the threat of an organised massacre."—Reuter.

"Recognise Canton."

London, Dec. 6.

A stage has been reached when the neutrality which consists of evading plain facts, constitutes practical embarrassment and grave political danger, opines the "Manchester Guardian," in advocating British recognition of the Cantonese Government, which it says has not advanced claims which we cannot admit or at least discuss, adding that we should have nothing to do with Cantonese political ideas, but what concerns us is that over that portion of China where our interests are most deeply involved we can now treat with an authority capable of speaking and acting for a great part of the Chinese people.—Reuter.

Sino-Belgian Treaty.

Brussels, Dec. 6.

Interviewed in Geneva on the subject of China's attitude in connection with the Sino-Belgian treaty dispute, M. Vandervelde expressed the opinion that it was not advisable to embitter the present trouble by polemics in the Press.

He added that the Chinese delegate apparently wished to bring the question of the treaty before the League Council. M. Vandervelde therefore reserved his reply till then.—Reuter.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

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His Excellency the Governor, Chief Scout of Hong Kong, will preside.

Agenda:

1. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
2. To form a Colonial Scout Council to promote the welfare of the Scout Association in Hong Kong.
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(Signed) A. WHITE,
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